

About Our Course Leaders...

Margaret Benefiel

Margaret Benefiel is the Executive Director of the Shalom Institute and has written extensively on leadership, including 'The Soul of a Leader' and 'Soul at Work'.

Annette Bolton

Annette Bolton has been teaching for the past 30 years, including City and Guilds in Hand Embroidery, Design and Stumpwork Embroidery. Constantly updating her knowledge of all hand embroidery techniques, in order to keep up with current trends together with new and fresh designs.

Josie Brown

Josie is a lettering and heraldic artist with a special interest in book making and using ancient techniques in contemporary ways. She has taught calligraphy and related book arts for over 30 years and is passionate about helping people to achieve their creative potential in an enthusiastic but sensitive manner.

Margie Buchanan-Smith

Margie Buchanan-Smith has played a variety of leadership roles within the humanitarian aid sector and now works as an independent consultant and facilitator.

Christine Clinch

Is the Lead Manager at Ammerdown with special responsibility for Interfaith. She is a Christian pilgrim, passionate about creating opportunities for people to meet 'the other' and to reflect on their spiritual journey.

Lynn Douglas

Lynn is a retired nurse who lives in Bristol and worships in a Baptist Church. She enjoys creative activities including making felt, weaving and knitting.

Helen English

Helen is a life coach and facilitator with deep experience in helping people live well and thrive; in personal, family, work, team and spiritual settings. A co-founder of Enneagram Alive and a core faculty member with 'Enneagram Training' offering Narrative Tradition Enneagram professional qualifications in

the UK, she holds a Cambridge MA, an MSc in Consulting & Change, Chartered MCIPD, Certified Integral Coach and IEA Professional Membership. A long-term Taoist spiritual practice and Systemic Family Constellations work shape her approach.

Gwyneth Evans

Gwyneth is a retired health professional. Since retiring she has developed an interest in gardening, singing, learning new crafts and meeting new people. She loves planning and leading Spring, Summer and Autumn breaks and spending time with the participants.

Sue Glanville

Sue Glanville has broad and varied experience of teaching, church leadership, coaching and spiritual direction. She has been writing and organising courses and retreats since 2005, including many at Ammerdown, as well as Dartmoor, Bardsey, Lundy and Iona Islands, and trekking in the Himalayas. Sue loves wild spaces and exploring the many ways that we can encounter God in our lives.

Malcolm Guite

Poet-Priest Malcolm Guite was Chaplain for 20 years at Girton College, Cambridge and currently teaches at the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, lecturing widely in England and North America on Theology and Literature, publishing poetry, theology and literary criticism. Malcolm has a particular interest in the imagination as a truth-bearing faculty and continues to reflect deeply on how poetry can stimulate and re-awaken our prayer life.

Josh Harris

Josh Harris, a local photographer and Zoology graduate, currently working for the Beaver Trust, will talk about his experiences of photographing wildlife in the UK. He will explain how understanding the behaviours of different species and getting to know the landscape can enable you to create unique images.

Julia Martin

Julia is a Chinese Brush Painting Artist, working from her studio, "Brushstroke Poems". Having been solely dedicated to this art form for over 15 years, she has studied with both Chinese Masters and the most renowned CBP artists in the UK. She loves the symbolism of the subjects and strives to create more than a representation of an object, but 'capture its spirit'.

Ambrose Musiyiwa

Ambrose is a Poet, Journalist, and Photographer. His poems have been featured in many anthologies and his journalism, short stories, and essays have been published in newspapers and magazines in the UK, Zimbabwe, USA, and South Korea. His poem 'The Man Who Ran Through The Tunnel' has been translated into over 12 languages. Ambrose has an enduring interest in the intersection between arts, activism, migration, and community action. He has organised numerous creative projects, including the Leicester Human Rights Arts and Film Festival and Civic Leicester, a community media channel highlighting conversations taking place in and around Leicester.

Alison Murdoch

Alison has catalogued paintings for Sotheby's, established emergency night shelters for homeless people, turned a London courthouse into a vibrant Buddhist centre, set up a catering service for refugees, and run workshops in Asia, Australasia, Central and North America, and Europe. She is a regular contributor to BBC Radio including: 'Good Morning Sunday', the 'Moral Maze', 'Women's Hour', 'Prayer for the Day', 'Beyond Belief', and the 'Chris Evans Show'. Her writing has been translated into four languages. She once smuggled herself into Tibet in the back of a lorry.

Pauline Payne

Pauline Payne is a freelance jewellery designer and has gained a number of prestigious awards for her jewellery work including: Royal Society of Arts Commendations and winning the National Platinum Award.

Helena Softley

Helena is a singer, songwriter and live Performer who enjoys leading regular workshops at Ammerdown.

Rev Narinder Tegally

Narinder is lead Chaplain at the Bath RUH Trust. Before ordination in the Anglican Church, she was a registered nurse working in palliative care and mental health for young people. She is also a qualified Psychodynamic Counsellor, Supervisor and Spiritual Director, particularly working with those who have experienced loss. She leads workshops and retreats as well as pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Angela Townshend

Angela is Emeritus of Guilford Cathedral. In addition, she has worked in ministry in Birmingham and Bath as well as with CMS in Hong Kong. She is a trustee of The Ammerdown Centre.

Dave Tomlinson

Dave Tomlinson is a vicar and writer whose books include 'The Post-Evangelical', 'How to Be a Bad Christian', and 'Black Sheep and Prodigals'. He also regularly contributes to BBC Radio 2's Pause for Thought.

Eliza Wylie

I have been using voice and drums with people of all ages since 2002. I had my first child in 2009 (I now have 4!) and since 2010 I have been running mum and baby/toddler singing groups in and around Wells, developing musicianship through singing using the Kodaly method; I have a Kodaly professional practice certificate. I started up a Thula Mama singing group in my home in 2014 which has given me a taste for working with adults and singing more songs in parts which I have always loved.

Sue Brayne

For many years Sue Brayne worked as a psychotherapist specialising in loss, grief, and trauma. She has an MA in the Rhetoric and Rituals of Death and is the author of *The D-Word: Talking About Dying; Living Fully and Dying Consciously*; as well as the Granny Mo books. www.suebrayne.co.uk

Jo Berry

Jo Berry, the founder of Building Bridges for Peace, promotes peace and conflict transformation around the world. Jo began this work when she started speaking publicly with the ex IRA combatant Patrick Magee who planted the bomb that killed her father. More recently she works in schools around the UK, in particular in Tower Hamlets.

Vicki Burke

Vicki Burke is a musician and writer. Her healing journey began in 2000 when, as a saxophonist/teacher she took up the harp. Vicki began writing songs, became a storyteller, a workshop facilitator and this developed into writing books and, of course, plays. This has brought her to her present work with reconciliation.

Rev Azariah D A France-Williams

Azariah D A France-Williams is a priest in the Church of England in an urban parish which is a member of the HeartEdge church network.

Steven Frank BEM

Shelagh Hetreed

Shelagh Hetreed is a lifelong educator and currently delivers Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) training across Bristol and beyond. She is interested in identity, equality and justice and sees her way forward through *allyship*.

Tess Humble

Tess Humble has been an activist and organiser on issues of climate change and migrant justice for 12 years. She has worked with frontline refugee communities in Turkey and across Europe.

Sheila Hutchinson

Sheila Hutchinson is a retired Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing: Health Sciences. She has a particular interest in learning about colonisation and empire from a black perspective. In other words the other side of history.

Dame Helen Hyde

Dame Helen Hyde is a Holocaust Educator, Trustee of the Holocaust Education Trust, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Jewish Heritage and the National Holocaust Centre and Museum, as well as an active patron of the Rwandan Sisterhood. She was made Dame Commander of the British Empire (DBE) for services to Holocaust Education. Helen shares her passion for holocaust and genocide education and ways we can actively support work in Rwanda through the Rwandan Sisterhood.

Barbara Mace

Barbara is a Potter and Painter, a retired Psychotherapist also trained as a Spiritual Guide in Ignatian Spirituality.

Jamal Mohammadi

Jamal is a refugee living in Jakarta, Indonesia. Christine had the privilege of teaching him English at the Roshan Learning Centre. Since, she left Jakarta in 2016, Jamal has continued to wait for resettlement. Resettlement has not come. Christine says 'Jamal is one of the most inspirational people I know'. Come and meet him and listen to his story.

Rabbi Rachel Montagu

Rachel Montagu studied for rabbinic ordination at Leo Baeck College, London and Machon Pardes, Jerusalem. She has an MA in Biblical Studies from Heythrop College and teaches Biblical Hebrew at City Lit and to private students.

Pádraig Ó Tuama

Poet and theologian, Pádraig Ó Tuama's work centres around themes of language, power, conflict and religion. Working fluently on the page and in public, Pádraig is a compelling poet and skilled speaker, teacher and group worker. www.padraigotuama.com

Veronica Sheasby

Veronica Sheasby is a Mindfulness Practitioner and qualified Mindfulness Trainer. She has studied at the Samye Ling Tibetan Centre and Oxford University Mindfulness Centre.

Isaac Treuherz

Isaac Treuherz is a musician specialising in folk and traditional musics. He has studied Jewish texts at the Drisha Kollel in New York and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and is currently researching Sephardi liturgical music at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.