

Statement of Contribution to the Public Good

The Cambridge Theological Federation

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What we are trying to achieve through higher education

The Cambridge Theological Federation exists to teach theology to those preparing for ordained and lay ministry. The following statement of purpose on the front page of our website (www.theofed.cam.ac.uk) sets out what we are trying to achieve through higher education:

Shaped by a common life of prayer and study, the Cambridge Theological Federation is an ecumenical collaboration of educational institutes engaged in the formation of Christian leaders. Individually and together we teach theology for ministry; reflect on the local and global, ecumenical and inter-faith context for Christian mission; foster encounter between people of different ecclesial and faith traditions; and undertake research in theology and religious studies.

Examples of activities that demonstrate the ongoing commitment to the public good

- **Christian Ministry**

Our prime commitment to the public good lies in training people for Christian ministry and equipping them with skills and knowledge to serve the communities in which they live and work.

- **Theological Education**

We believe that good theological education is an essential part of ministry and offer undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees that meet this need. The degrees supported by this registration are part of the Church's "Common Awards" degrees which are taught by the Federation and validated by Durham University. In addition we offer students degrees with Anglia Ruskin University as well as with the University of Cambridge. This wide range is part of our commitment to find the best degree programme for each individual student.

- **Theological Diversity**

Our commitment to the public good includes ensuring our students experience different traditions and gain an understanding of, and respect for, the diversity within the Christian churches. It also includes interfaith engagement, particularly with those from the Jewish and Muslim faiths, and inter-disciplinary dialogue, especially between science and religion. This commitment is visible through the eleven member institutions of the Federation which include the Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Orthodox, Reformed, and Roman Catholic churches. We provide ecumenical encounter to students both in the classroom and in shared worship.

- **Access and Equality of Opportunity**

The Federation's Access and Participation Statement submitted to the Office for Students (attached as document 12) gives details about our commitment to support access and participation in higher education by students from disadvantaged backgrounds and under-represented groups.

Most of our students enter work within the churches who have sponsored their theological education. In this context it is not particularly useful to compare retention or graduate employment statistics with other Higher Education institutions.

Activities relating to equality of opportunity

A combination of the course's vocational emphasis, focus on context based learning and common access routes through local church's and charities, means the course tend to attract students who are already working in the field as volunteers and the like, a number of whom will not have initially considered higher education as a route for them.

We provide specific support for BAME students and students with SpLD's throughout the course and 6 sessions of free coaching for every final year student.

Activities relating to the promotion of higher education

All our students engage with local charities and churches as part of the course. Several of our students are placed in such contexts for the duration of their studies. Within this number we have students working in local schools as chaplains, within SEN departments and providing after school classes for NEET and under represented communities. We have students working in prisons, local charities and with community groups promoting community cohesion, tackling disadvantage and engaging with issues from gangs to sex trafficking. The field of children, family and youth work is informed by a positive pedagogy that promotes inclusion, equality and lifelong education. These values are accordingly brought into all that we do.

- **Welsh medium/language education**

It is not part of the Federation's current plans or purpose to use Welsh medium or Welsh language in our educational delivery.

Expenditure on activities that contribute to the public good

As disclosed in our accounts all of our expenditure is on charitable activities and so contributing to the public good. In 2017-18 this totalled spending of £742,000.

The duration of activities supported by student loans ranges include a Certificate (1 year), Diploma (2 years), BA (3 years). Other degrees include MA (2 years) and PhD (3 years). All of these can also be taken part-time, which doubles their duration.

The numbers of students for each degree course in 2017/18 are detailed in the table below.

Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology	Anglia Ruskin University	1
MPhil Theology	Anglia Ruskin University	3
PhD Theology	Anglia Ruskin University	11
Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology	Anglia Ruskin University	37
Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	62
Diploma of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	61
Graduate Diploma of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	6
BA (Hons) in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	50
Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	12
Postgraduate Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	3
Master of Arts in Theology, Ministry and Mission	Durham University	40
Bachelor of Theology for Ministry	University of Cambridge	24
Diploma in Theology for Ministry	University of Cambridge	4

Level of investment in public good as proportion of total investment of student fee income;

In 2017/18 our student fee income was £454,000. Our expenditure in public good was £742,000 (164% of fee income).

How our commitment to the public good will be measured.

Our commitment to the public good that has been outlined above can best be measured in the annual report and accounts. The next report will be dated 31 August 2019.

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