

INSPIRING MUSIC in WORSHIP

Further guidance for course leaders

Inspiring Music in Worship is a useful tool for every church. It encourages life-long learning and discipleship as well as a deeper understanding of music and worship. The material has been carefully designed to suit churches of every denomination and enables people to learn in different ways. The following information provides a useful checklist for setting up this short course.

Setting up the course beforehand

Someone will need to take responsibility for advertising and arranging the course. However, the course requires a facilitator rather than an expert. Plan prayerfully using the following steps as a guideline:

Step 1

- Invite people – a group can be any number from two people upwards. Be open and inclusive – you may be surprised by who wants to come.

Step 2

- Choose a time and a place to suit everyone - in a home or at church. Advertise the details well in advance so that others can join in.

Step 3

- Give each member of the group their own copy of the book before the course begins. Encourage everyone to look ahead and get actively involved.

Setting up the sessions on the day

- Arrange the room. (Sit in a circle to encourage a relaxed informality. Larger groups may be subdivided by sitting round tables.)
- Welcome well. (Be enthusiastic! Enthusiasm is infectious.)
- Reassure. (Everyone is exploring together and can learn from one another.)
- Provide light refreshments.
- At the break, encourage everyone to stand up and mingle.
- Vary the diet and make people feel loved and a bit special!
- Pray – for the course and all those taking part.