

SAGE Graduate Programme

A year in biblical social engagement



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Peter, 2018-9 Participant



Join us for a career-defining year...

Are you inspired by the stories of Daniel, Joseph, Esther and Nehemiah in the Bible? Does the idea of serving God by witnessing to his kingdom in wider society appeal to you more than working in the church? If so then we have designed the SAGE Programme with you in mind.

The problem we all face is that we've been taught in our secular universities to leave God out of our discipline or profession. We need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds- learning to think biblically about the economic, social and political issues which challenge leaders in society today.

The SAGE programme does just that; it introduces you to a biblical framework for public life, equips you with research

skills to approach contemporary issues from a biblical perspective, and then gives you the opportunity to mobilise others around an issue you choose.

We would love to welcome you to what could be a career-defining year with us in Cambridge.



Jonathan Tame
Executive Director

What are the main outcomes?

- Discover the Bible's vision for society and how it addresses 21st century challenges in public life
- Understand a framework for Christian social reform based on Relational Thinking
- Develop your leadership potential by joining a Christian think tank with a 35 year track record
- Learn skills for biblical and issue-based research and for communication of ideas
- Form and implement a strategy for engaging people around a specific issue in public life
- Grow in personal and spiritual maturity by living in Christian community

2018-9 Participants visit John Wesley's house in London



Programme Structure

OCT - DEC

1. Study Phase

In an intensive version of our online course (on applying biblical principles to public life), SAGEites spend the term studying biblical thinking across seven different spheres—including economics, justice & law, welfare and the arts. With daily seminars and weekly essays, they break for Christmas with a comprehensive foundation in biblical thinking and its application.

JAN - APR

2. Research Phase

SAGEites choose a topic together to work on as a team during the research phase, culminating in a 12,000 word report. They also have time to work on personal research projects, written up as a 4,000 word paper. The group project encourages robust, biblical research on a contemporary issue, and also provides a valuable discipleship opportunity as the participants navigate the complexities of researching as a team.

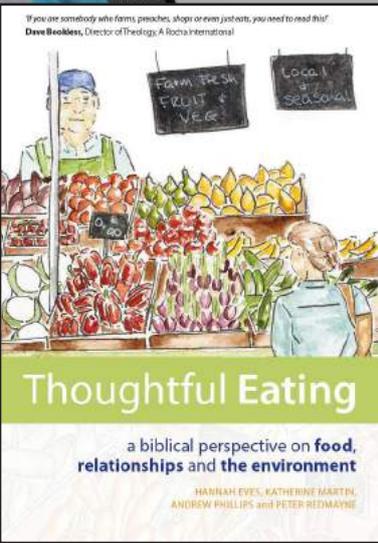
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3. Engagement Phase

The final term focuses on communicating their research findings and challenging other people to get involved in the issue they have chosen. They will develop their skills in event management and public speaking by organising events and delivering presentations to live audiences. In addition they will work on other ways to disseminate their research, e.g. through blog posts, videos, articles and podcasts.

2018-9 Alumni Testimonials

The research report written by the 2018-19 SAGE participants was published by Sallux.





Hannah

‘SAGE helped me develop my research skills and thinking so that I can better communicate biblical ideas in the public square, and have richer public conversations about faith and society.

I would recommend SAGE to anyone who is considering how their view of the world shapes how they interact with it—and how God can be essential to that worldview.’



Andrew

‘I have appreciated learning the important Jubilee Centre principle of connecting a consistently biblical worldview with excellent research on issues in the public square. I have found our study and discussion very insightful on how to connect and integrate the two. Christians are called to be salt and light, engaging with the world rather than withdrawing from it, and committing to changing culture rather than accepting things as they are.’



Peter

‘The SAGE programme provides a wonderful environment in which to grow professionally and in your walk with God. I’ve grappled with how we apply biblical law from the Pentateuch to contemporary society: do we apply the principles to society as a whole, or just the life of the Church and individual Christians? Biblical law does seem to provide a paradigm – or model – from which we can draw principles and apply them to public life today.’



Katherine

‘I applied for SAGE because it included a number of aspects which I found interesting and attractive compared to the other programmes available. The smaller class size has given more opportunities for discussion, research and learning, and I’m learning to use a Biblical and relational lens when thinking about policy and ideas. SAGE has helped me to think more theologically and biblically about issues in public life.’



Details, costs and how to apply

Who is the programme for?

Recent graduates (bachelor or masters degree) under the age of 30, with mature Christian character and leadership potential, and who are deeply committed to seeing the Christian faith make a transforming impact on society.

What is the work schedule?

The main programme takes place in the Jubilee Centre from 9am-5pm on Mondays to Thursdays. To counterbalance the intellectual focus of the programme, each participant will also volunteer for 3-4 hours a week, normally on a Friday, with a social action project at a local church or ministry. Friday will also be for personal study and to go deeper in your own area of calling. Over the weekend you are also free to work a few hours to earn some extra money.

Where will participants live?

The participants selected to join the SAGE programme will live together in Cherry Hinton, a suburb of Cambridge, which is a 15 minute cycle ride from the Jubilee Centre office in the city centre.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue top, stands at a podium with a microphone and a music stand. She is addressing an audience of people whose backs are to the camera. In the background, a large screen displays a quote in blue text. The room has a white wall and a circular light fixture on the ceiling.

Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain,
and a path for the thunderstorm,
to water a land where no one lives,
an uninhabited desert,
to satisfy a desolate wasteland
and make it sprout with grass?
— Job 38:25-27

How much does it cost?

The full fees for the 2020 SAGE programme are £5,800 but each participant benefits from a scholarship of £4,000, leaving £1,800 as their personal contribution. You will also need around £450/month for accommodation (your own room, all bills included), and up to £200/month for food, transport (a bicycle is highly recommended) and other living expenses.

The Programme is considered charitable by Stewardship, which means that UK taxpayers can support participants (for their fees and their living costs) via Stewardship, and the value of their gifts will increase by 25% through Giftaid.

What are the Programme dates?

The SAGE Programme dates are from 27th Sept 2020 to 11th July 2021.

Who will lead it?

Jubilee Centre's training director Philip Powell MSc leads the programme with support from Dr Ralph Lee MBE (on staff with the Navigators), and Jonathan Tame MSc (Jubilee Centre director). Additional input will come from staff with the Jubilee Centre and sister organisations (e.g. Relationships Foundation, Relational Schools) and from the organisations' founder Dr Michael Schluter CBE.

How do I apply?

To register your interest and receive an application form, please email Mercedes McGuire at: m.mcguire@jubilee-centre.org



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