

# SAGE Graduate Programme

a launchpad for Christian service in public life



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**Peter, 2018-9 Participant**



# Join us for a career-defining experience...

## **SAGE: a launchpad for Christian service in public life**

Are you thinking about working in the civil service, a think tank, development agency or advocacy group? Or planning to join a social justice ministry with a church or Christian organisation?

If you want to discover for yourself how the Christian faith can engage powerfully with economic, social and political concerns, then the six-month SAGE programme is a way for you to test out your enthusiasm, ability and calling.

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.

SAGE equips recent graduates with keys for thinking biblically about public life, and skills needed for effective social engagement. And all this takes place in the context of a Christian think tank with a 35 year track record of influencing leaders and policymakers in Britain and around the world.

We would love to welcome you to what could be a career-defining experience 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

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



# Programme Structure

The SAGE programme runs over two terms from October 2020 to March 2021. It begins with a few days away in the countryside for team building, and ends with individual project presentations.

OCT - DEC

## 1. Study Term

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. Alongside daily seminars and weekly essays, they will be choosing their research topic for the Research Term.

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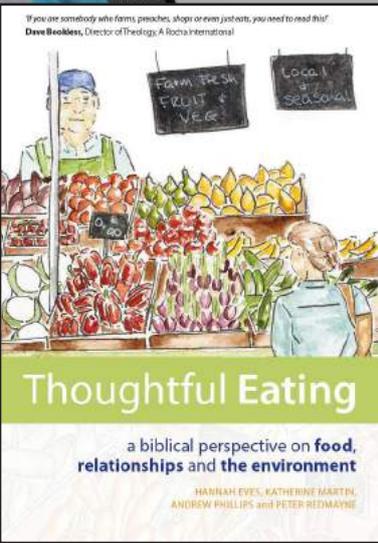
## 2. Research Term

Each participant will work on researching into an issue of their choosing, exploring it from both a biblical and public policy perspective. They will write this up in a long essay of around 5,000 words, to be presented in the 7th week of the term.

The remaining four weeks of the term are devoted to developing 'seed projects'. These are first steps for each participant to take towards working out the vision for social transformation they have set out in their essay. They could take different forms, depending on the issue and nature of change envisaged, but options might include a video, podcast, article or live event.

# 2018-9 Alumni Testimonials

The research report co-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?

SAGE is for recent graduates who are committed Christians with growing leadership experience. There will be a maximum of eight people on the SAGE programme, and each one will receive individual support and mentoring for their project. In addition they will be part of the Jubilee Centre community.

## What are the term dates?

SAGE will run from 12th October 2020 to 26th March 2021, with a Christmas break between 18th December and 10th January.

## What is the work schedule?

During the Study Term participants will be meeting in the Jubilee Lounge, next to Jubilee Centre's offices, from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Thursday each week.

Then during the Research Term, participants will only be together in person each Monday in the Jubilee Centre, and research at home the following three days.

We've designed it so that participants can look for a part time job for 1-2 days/week to support themselves.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue top, stands at a podium with a microphone, reading from a tablet. Behind her is a large screen displaying a quote in blue text. The audience is seen from behind, seated in the foreground.

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

### **Where will participants live?**

Participants accepted for the SAGE programme will need to find accommodation in or around Cambridge, as they will be spending Mondays-Thursdays together at the Jubilee Centre for the Study Term.

The programme only requires attendance in Cambridge on Mondays during the Research Term, so there is an option for participants to leave Cambridge at Christmas and commute once a week from home (if that is realistic) for the second term, keeping overall costs down.

### **How much does it cost?**

The SAGE programme is subsidised by donors, which permits us to charge only £1,000 for the programme.

You will also need around £400-£500/month for accommodation if you rent a room in Cambridge, and money for food and other living expenses.

However, we don't want to exclude emerging leaders on financial grounds, so if applicants are not able to raise these sums from family or friends, they can apply to us for a scholarship to cover part or all of their fees and expenses. To find out more, email Mercedes McGuire ([m.mcguire@jubilee-centre.org](mailto:m.mcguire@jubilee-centre.org)).

### **What about Coronavirus?**

If the measures being taken to manage the spread of Coronavirus in October do not permit SAGE participants to be physically present in Cambridge then we will run the programme online for as long as necessary, using Zoom meetings. All the course readings used during the Study Term are already fully online.

Should a participant need to self isolate for one or two weeks during the programme, we will bring them into discussions online (provided they are well enough to join in).

### **How do I apply?**

The application deadline for the October 2020 intake is Saturday 15th August. If you would like to apply, please visit: [jubilee-centre.org/SAGE](http://jubilee-centre.org/SAGE)



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