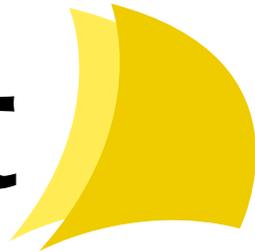
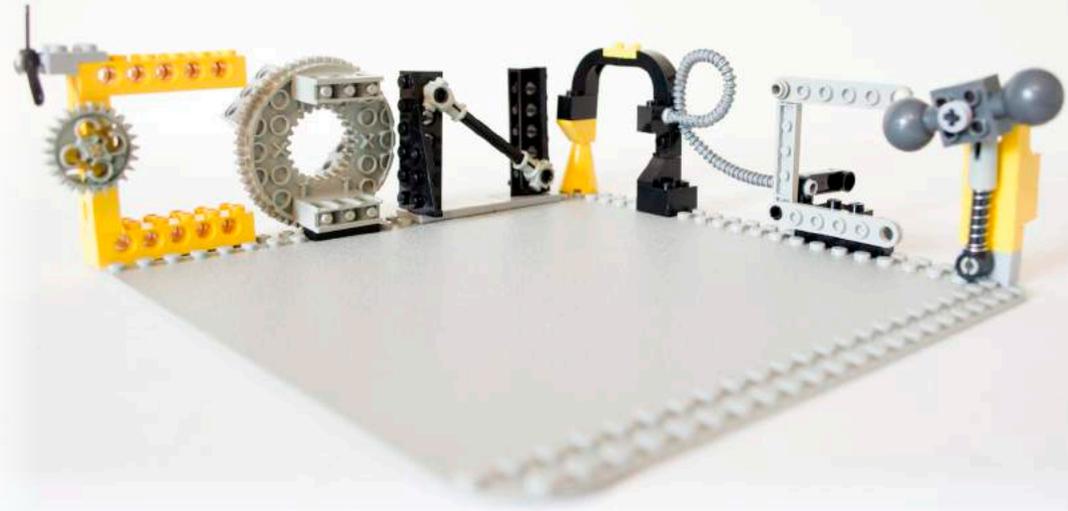




Connect



VISION, TRAINING & TRANSFORMATION



- ▷ DEVELOPMENT IN VISION, CHARACTER AND SKILL
- ▷ APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN A NAVIGATOR MINISTRY
- ▷ QUALITY DISCIPLINE BY A MATURE SUPERVISOR
- ▷ PERSONAL MINISTRY INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS
- ▷ EXTENDED BIBLE STUDY AND READING PROJECTS
- ▷ NATIONAL NETWORKING AND TRAINING CONFERENCES
- ▷ INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAMME

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”

Matthew 9:37-38 (TNIV)

“Anyone who is willing to follow Christ can become a mighty influence on the world providing, of course, this person has the proper training... Jesus devoted himself primarily to the task of developing some leaders who in turn could give this kind of personal attention to others”

Robert E Coleman - *The Masterplan of Evangelism*

VISION, TRAINING & TRANSFORMATION

The Vision Statement of the Navigators imagines a future where

“workers for the kingdom are next door to everywhere.”

We are passionate about the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom and have a burden to see generations of labourers living and discipling among the lost. Connect is seeking a new generation of leader for a one year faith adventure (or two with C2) to see the advance of the Gospel in their own generation and to lay foundations for a whole life of ‘labouring’.

Those equipped by the Connect Programme move into roles of responsibility and influence within a wide variety of contexts, such as: families, communities, workplaces, local churches, further ministry or cross-cultural missions- living ordinary lives extraordinarily well among their relational networks.

Connect is an unprecedented opportunity to be apprenticed to a Navigator Representative in their local ministry context, sharing life with them, contributing significantly to others; all underpinned with a focus on foundational development in life, leadership and ministry for the whole person for the whole of life.

The feedback from Connectors is commonly of a significant and challenging year. People speak of growing in character and faith, a deepened relationship with God and substantial development personally in maturity and skill. This growth often comes from walking a bumpy path and facing hard things.



“ The year I have spent on Connect will be definitive for the rest of my life. I will remain ever grateful to God for this year. ”

Tim

The Connect Programme:

- runs initially for twelve months (1st September - 31st August), with a second year option, C2 (1st September - 30th June)
- is generally based in a Navigator student ministry and often in the location that the Connector has been involved as a student. Though not all participants have fitted this pattern. The possibility of moving areas is discussed as part of the application process. We are also open to exploring Connect in ministry contexts outside of the student work
- includes National elements, including Connect Away Days and conferences
- has flexibility locally within the parameters of the programme
- contains an international Short Term Programme in the summer
- is a full-time one (or two) year appointment as a Navigator Representative
- is self-funded through raising an agreed budget (this is an intentional aspect of the programme as a whole, often providing significant in building character and faith)



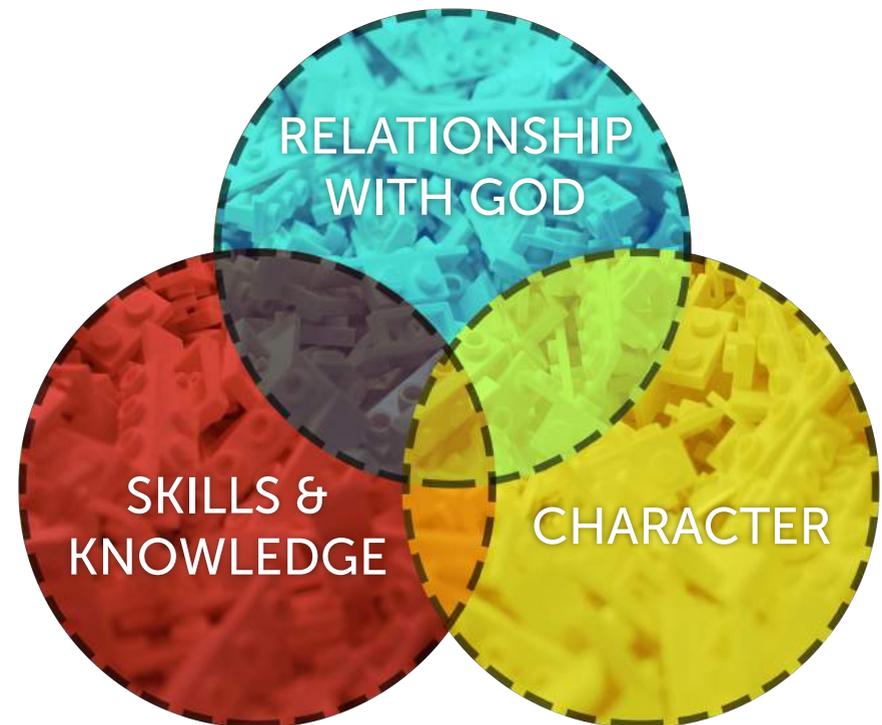
HOW WILL I DEVELOP ON THE PROGRAMME?

Ministry and leadership come from foundations of character, biblical convictions and relationship with God, together with practical skills and strategy. As such, the Connect Programme seeks to build using the following models:

LAYING FOUNDATIONS



AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT



“ It has been a time of cementing convictions about God. I am convinced and inspired to go on and live out the great command to ‘love God’, and excited about getting stuck into the great commission to ‘go and make disciples’.

Jonny ”

ELEMENTS OF THE CONNECT PROGRAMME

Local Ministry

The majority of the programme is spent working within a local ministry context, apprenticed to a Navigator Rep. Here the programme allows the flexibility to experience a variety of ministry activities and roles.

Ministry Visit

Connectors visit at least one other Navigator ministry as part of the programme. This provides a broader experience and allows them to observe different ways of doing Navigator ministry, considering how common 'functions' are fulfilled through different 'forms'. The visit often includes the opportunity to contribute in some way to the ministry such as giving a presentation or seminar as well as participating in a small group and other ministry activities. It also allows Connectors to spend time with Reps from a different ministry and benefit from their experience and wisdom. The Connectors may be asked to research a particular area of ministry and report back on this e.g. what does evangelism look like in the ministry?



Study & Reading

The year involves four in-depth Bible Studies exploring some key biblical themes: creation, the nations, discipleship, the great commission, the gospel, evangelism, maturity, transformation and generations.

A reading project runs concurrently to each study including: The Drama of Scripture, The Insider, Inside Out and The Masterplan of Evangelism. Connectors also deliver a presentation on a separate reading project.

Away Days

During the year there are four sets of three-day 'Away Days' where all the Connectors get together, occurring in September, November, February and May. These provide: training and input on a variety of topics; space and time to slow down, reflect and share experiences with others on the programme; time out of the local ministry situation to allow evaluation and a break; opportunities to take some time out with God; and discussion of the Connect Bible studies and reading projects.

National Exposure

Connectors participate in a number of national Navigator initiatives including the Big Weekend, Student Forum and UK Navigator Reps conference, together with occasional regional initiatives. These provide further opportunity for stimulus, contribution and engagement with the experiences and wisdom of other Navigator Reps.

Summer Programme

Connectors participate in a Navigator International Summer Programme overseen by the International Missions Coordinator. Locations and costs vary and are dependent on the specific availability in any given year. We seek to link these to long-term partnerships with Navigator ministries in other countries and contexts. This element is often significant and memorable for people as it usually involves being placed well outside of one's comfort zone. Full orientation is provided as part of this element.



“

Before the year, my faith had been more feelings-based, but afterwards I knew that I had foundations that would last.

”

Keren

HOW WILL I DEVELOP ON THE PROGRAMME?

Evangelism

Connectors become more confident in evangelism, both as an 'Outsider' ministering to students beyond their natural sphere of relationships and as an 'Insider' within their own relational network.

Discipleship

Connectors grow in their own personal discipleship, their love for God, His Word and people, and are trained to get alongside others to help them similarly.

Ministry Skills

Connectors develop a wide range of ministry skills including helping others 1-1, leading small group discussions for Christians, leading groups for those who are exploring Christianity, giving seminars and talks and project managing ministry events and conferences.

Life Skills

Connectors develop a wide range of transferable skills that are invaluable in a 'secular' working environment, such as people skills, communication, time management, financial management, team work, leading and training.



Faith

The programme is designed to build faith by asking Connectors to trust God for their finances and by seeing Him at work in their lives and the lives of others.

“

During the summer programme I learnt to expect God to do great things.

Alexandra ”

Devotional Life

The Connect Programme provides a unique opportunity to build habits and develop a deep and rich devotional life through taking time to be with God. Indeed we acknowledge that ministry flows out of this source. Specifically the programme contains two extended periods of time alone with God, a one-day and a two-day personal retreat.

Biblical Convictions

The programme will help Connectors to develop a deeper understanding of some great biblical themes through four extended studies. These are based around the concepts of 'The Great Commission', 'Evangelism and the Gospel', 'Spiritual Growth and Maturity' & 'Spiritual Generations'. These will be discussed with supervisors and on Connect Away Days. The year also provides the opportunity for other personal study and reading programmes.

A Heart for the Nations

An overseas trip in the summer takes the Connector out of their comfort zone and hence sharpens faith and character, broadening horizons and developing an understanding and outwardly focussed heart for the nations.

“

I would describe my Connect experience as a complete spiritual health check. ”

Colin

Connectors are responsible for raising and maintaining their own financial needs for the year, according to an approved budget. Whilst this can sometimes be initially scary for people, it is a valuable and integral part of the year, with help, support and guidance being given throughout.

The programme operates on the principle that “the worker is worth their keep” and as such Connectors are seen as being remunerated for the role they play in ministry. As the programme is full time, Connectors should not take part time jobs. Participants are self-employed for the year, working in voluntary association with the Navigators UK.

Connectors will be helped to:

- understand the biblical principles of fundraising
- set a realistic budget for the year
- identify possible donors and supporters
- create a presentation and/or letter requesting folks consider supporting them
- stay encouraged through the fundraising process
- keep records and manage their finances well throughout the year

A typical International Summer Programme could cost between £600 and £1,800 depending on location and duration. In 2012-13 the Connectors annual budget was around £8,000-£10,000 plus summer trip. Connectors are given thorough help through the fundraising process by their supervisor.

All donations processed via the Navigators UK office are subject to a small administrative levy, currently 7%, which contributes towards the essential central services of the charity.

Participants may be required to complete a criminal record check (DBS in England/Wales, PVG in Scotland) in order to work with minors.

September – January

Potential applicants discuss their interest with their local Navigator Rep and people are invited to consider the programme. Application forms are available from the Navigator office.

January – February

The National Training Coordinator is informed of potential applicants and the transfer of Connectors from one area to another is considered.

February

Time to pin down a final decision regarding the programme.

March 1st – APPLICATION DEADLINE

Deadline by which the application and Reps reference forms need to be completed and returned to the National Training Coordinator.

March – April

Application forms are processed and external references requested. The National Training Coordinator recommends suitable candidates to the Navigators UK National Leadership Team (NLT).

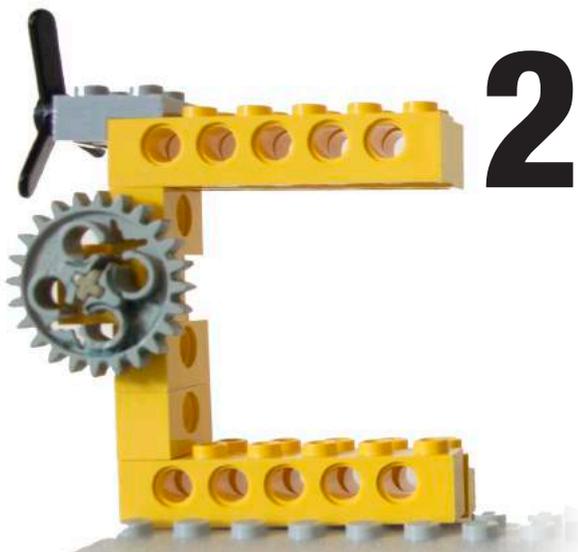
May

The NLT finalises the appointments and the National Training Coordinator sends a letter of acceptance to successful candidates on behalf of the NLT. Details of the programme including the first Bible study assignment are sent out to Connectors. Local supervision arrangements are clarified.

NB. Because of the timescale involved it is of practical necessity that candidates begin planning & preparing for their fundraising with their local supervisor prior to official acceptance. Supervisors are informed of any potential problems or issues with candidates' applications.

By July successful candidates will have their fundraising in full swing.

Having discussed your interest in the programme with your local Navigator Rep, please email connect@navigator.co.uk to request an application form.



The Connect Programme is initially for one year with the option to extend this for a second year.

The second year provides opportunity for further training, experience and contribution.

The second year option is for those who have enjoyed and benefited from Connect and want to maximise their Connect experience. They would be seeking to serve their local ministry further and may also want to test a longer-term calling in ministry. C2 shouldn't be a fall back because of a lack of alternative options.

The Connector, as well as local and national supervisors, should agree that it would be good for the individual, their ministry and the programme for them to participate on C2.

C2 has two extended study projects and two national training 'Away Days'.

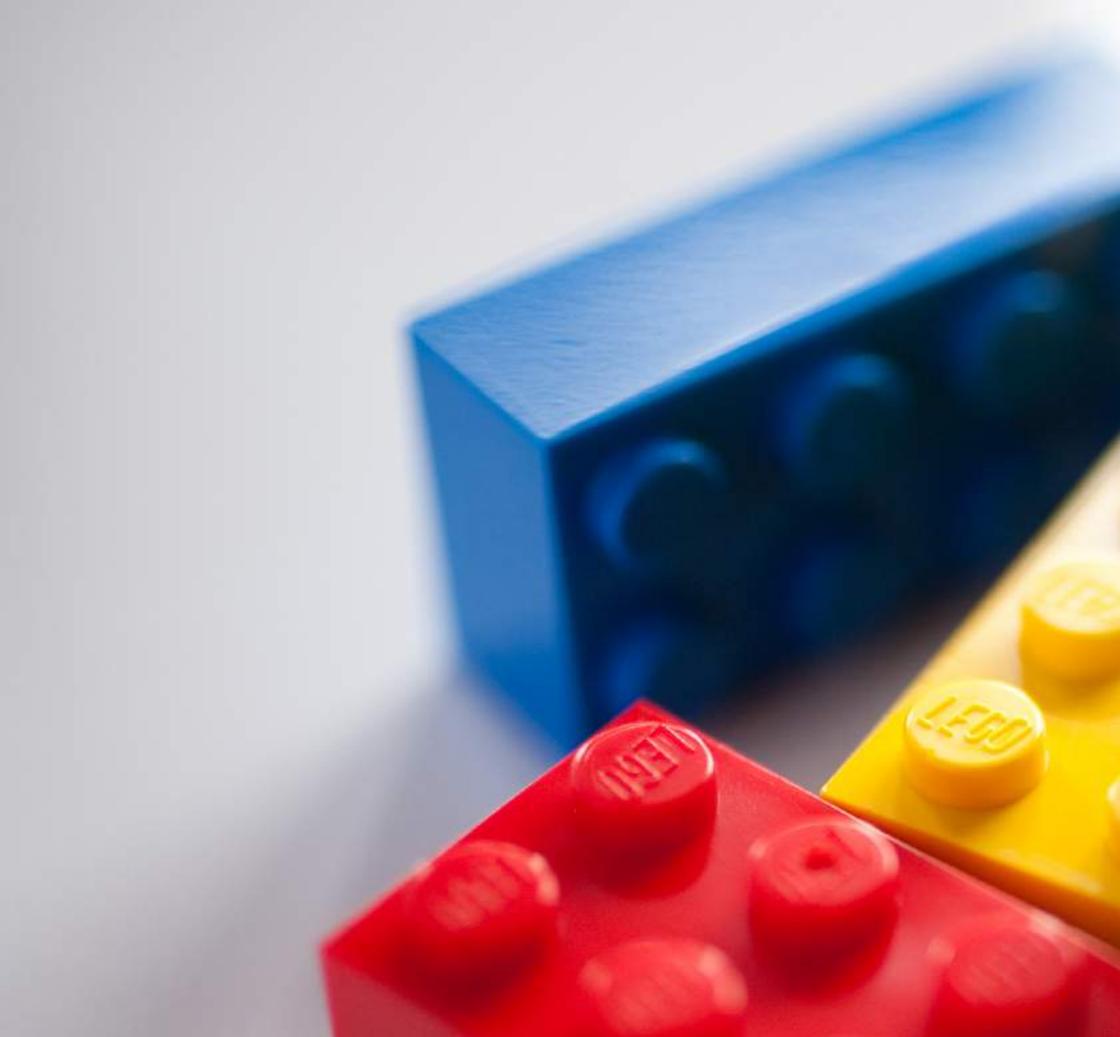
Further information is available for interested Connectors.

A separate application form is required, and the deadline is 1st March.



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