

NEXT UP

LEARNING COMMUNITY

INFORMATION PACKAGE

In partnership with



ABOUT

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NextUp is an 18-month learning journey (May 2026–October 2027) designed to identify, train, and release Baptist missional leaders aged 18–35 into diverse expressions of mission. Led by the Baptist Young Adults Round Table and the BUGB 18–35s Development Coordinator, the program includes:

- **Three in-person gatherings**, including Exploring Your Calling and Baptist Assembly (13-17 May 2026). These are essential gatherings and free of charge.
- **Three online gatherings** for ongoing learning and connection. These are essential gatherings and free of charge.
- **Small groups with an accompanier, plus a mentor** for each participant (NextUp will provide mentors if needed). This is an essential element of the learning community.
- **An overseas training experience**: either BMS's March4Mission (two weeks, 2027) or a one-week European trip. These are bonus gatherings which may require some fundraising.
- **Bonus opportunities**: Fresh Streams Conference (Jan 2027), Everyone Everywhere regional events, and Baptist Assembly (May 2027). These are bonus gatherings which may require some fundraising.



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**EXPLORING YOUR CALLING
& BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**
13-17 MAY 2026 HARROGATE

ONLINE GATHERING
JULY 2026
8-9:30PM - ZOOM



IN-PERSON GATHERING
SEPTEMBER 2026, ALL DAY
SATURDAY / BRISTOL

ONLINE GATHERING
NOVEMBER 2026
8-9:30PM - ZOOM



FRESH STREAMS CONFERENCE
11-13 JAN 2027 / STAFFORD

EVERYONE EVERYWHERE
EVENTS

OVERSEAS TRAINING EXPERIENCE
SPRING 2027

OPTION 1: BMS MARCH4MISSION IN SOUTH
EAST ASIA (2 WEEKS)

OPTION 2: EUROPEAN TRIP (1 WEEK)



**EXPLORING YOUR CALLING &
BAPTIST ASSEMBLY**
19-23 MAY 2027 HARROGATE

ONLINE GATHERING
JULY 2027
8-9:30PM - ZOOM



IN-PERSON GATHERING
OCTOBER 2027, ALL DAY
SATURDAY / LONDON



FAQS

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who is NextUp for?**

NextUp is for young adults aged 18–35 in Baptist churches who want to grow as missional leaders. You may be a church volunteer, intern, youth or children's worker, worship leader, minister... or someone exploring new ways to serve and lead in mission. If you have a heart for God's mission and a desire to learn, NextUp is for you!

- **How do I apply?**

Applications are open from the Baptists Together website. You'll complete an online form and be asked to provide a personal and character references. We may need to cap numbers and reserve the right to refuse unsuitable applications, but so long as you apply in time, meet the above criteria, and can commit to all the essential gatherings, you should be accepted. Applications will close on June 17th.

- **What's the time commitment?**

You need to have availability to attend at least the three in-person gatherings (1x 4-day and 2x full Saturdays) and three online gatherings (3x 90-minute Zoom calls). We encourage you to join one of the overseas training trips (one or two weeks) and to keep regular communication with your mentor and small group (a WhatsApp group or Discord server may be created). There may also be local get-togethers and extra online meetings arranged as needed.

- **Do I need to pay to join in?**

Baptists Together and our partners are investing in you as missional leaders so the costs of the essential gatherings are covered - this includes travel and accommodation expenses if needed. You will likely need to self-fund or fundraise for the overseas training experience and any bonus gatherings you choose to attend.

- **What happens after the 18 months?**

Our prayer is that you'll step into new or expanded missional leadership opportunities, equipped and supported by this learning community, Baptists Together and our partners, BMS World Mission, Everyone Everywhere and Fresh Streams.

APPLY

How do I apply?

Click on the link button below or scan the QR code to access the application form. We will then collect your references and get in touch when you have been confirmed on the programme.

Applications open until 17th June 2026.

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

