

## PIONEER LISTENER AND SHAPER

**We are seeking a pioneer to listen to the community of Pontefract and begin to shape the vision for a New Place for New People.**

You could help shape the next phase of an exciting pioneer project in Pontefract.

If you are a creative thinker, with a heart for God and a desire to listen to the local community, this could be the role for you. Pontefract Methodist Church has a vision of **Faith | Nourishing | Everyone**. We are seeking a Pioneer Listener and Shaper who will listen deeply – to God and to the local community – and, between now and the end of August 2024, begin to translate that vision into an action plan for a New Place for New People in **Pontefract**.

The New Place for New People has funding for the next four years, but this is a fixed term role (until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024) focusing on ensuring we listen carefully and invest in the shaping and strategic direction-setting for this pioneer project. We expect the listening and shaping this role does will discern the vision, objectives and team (including future staff roles) which will implement the New Place for New People.

New Places for New People are part of the Methodist Church's God for All Strategy,<sup>1</sup> focused on forming new Christian communities for those not yet part of an existing church. Find out more at [www.methodist.org.uk/npnp](http://www.methodist.org.uk/npnp)

As the Pioneer Listener and Shaper, you'll be based in **Pontefract** (with some opportunity for flexible/home-working) initiating and building on connections in the local community to listen and shape where God is calling. You'll have experience of:

- connecting with people and communities
- listening carefully to the local context, local community and to God
- developing vision and strategy from your listening
- experimenting as part of your listening

**If you have a love for people, community, faith and pioneering, this role could be for you.**

You'll also become part of the Methodist Pioneer Pathway Community which offers community of practice gatherings, pioneer ministry training and coaching.

The appointment requires an enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references. An occupational requirement exists for the postholder to be a practising Christian.

### NEXT STEPS & MAIN TERMS

Hours of work:	17.5 hours per week, worked flexibly in agreement with the Line Manager, which will include some weekends/evenings. Actual days, start and finish times will be variable in accordance with the needs of the Employer. The days of the week on which you may be required to work are Monday to Sunday. You will not be expected to work on more than three days in a calendar week.
Contract:	Fixed term until 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024.
Rate of pay:	£16.50 per hour, with enrolment in the Circuit's workplace pension scheme
Location:	Pontefract Methodist Church, Tanshelf Drive, Pontefract, WF8 1NB and some home-working in agreement with the Line Manager.
Next steps:	For more information please contact Revd David Goodall: <a href="mailto:mission@ywmethodist.org.uk">mission@ywmethodist.org.uk</a> or for an application pack, please contact the Circuit Administrator: <a href="mailto:admin@aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk">admin@aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk</a>
Closing date:	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12 noon
Interview date:	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Start date:	As soon as possible

To learn more about our Circuit and the work that we do, please visit:

[www.aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk](http://www.aireandcaldercircuit.org.uk)

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/explore-the-god-for-all-strategy/>