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“The goal of the C.S. Lewis
Institute is not to make more
fans of Lewis, but to make more
people LIKE Lewis.”

Dr. James Houston, CSLI Co-Founder

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ONE YEAR DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMME

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In the legacy of Belfast-born author and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis, the C.S. Lewis Institute was founded in 1976 to equip followers of Jesus to articulate, defend and live their faith in personal and public life. By helping thoughtful believers to mature in their faith and to impact their sphere of influence for Jesus, the Institute seeks to strengthen and support the mission of the local church. The Institute began in Washington, D.C. and in 2016 expanded to Northern Ireland. We eagerly invite you to discover the programmes and resources available through the C.S. Lewis Institute-Belfast.



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WHAT IS THE FELLOWS PROGRAMME?

The C.S. Lewis institute desires to serve the local church in its mission of equipping fully devoted followers of Jesus.



The Fellows Program is the C.S. Lewis Institute's flagship, year-long discipleship programme designed for career-aged men and women who are ready to focus on their spiritual growth and who desire transformation of both heart and mind.

It challenges and guides participants within all Biblically based faith traditions to a strong understanding of discipleship, personal mission and conversational apologetics through Bible study, classic readings, lectures, group dialogue, spiritual mentoring and accountability — all within the context of a small group of like-minded believers.

Participants continue in their careers while customising monthly assignments to their unique schedules. A high level of commitment is required, however, the programme is designed to be achievable even for busy participants with families. Once monthly lectures are designed to reinforce the month's theme and participants should expect to complete all readings and attend all regularly scheduled meetings.

The Fellows Programme runs on the academic calendar year from September through June. Summer readings, beginning with an orientation meeting in June, preface the September kick-off retreat.

Thereafter, participants gather one Saturday morning per month from 8:30am until 12:30pm for instruction, discussion and fellowship, with an overall focus on spiritual formation, evangelism, apologetics and calling. A Biblical theme is examined each month, including:

- * The Fatherhood of God
- * Receiving God's Grace
- * Understanding True Conversion
- * Following Jesus Christ
- * Walking in the Holy Spirit
- * Being Transformed by Scripture
- * Growing in Prayer & Faith
- * Walking in Humility
- * Living a Life of Love & Obedience
- * Pursuing God's Call on Your Life
- * Defending the Faith: Cultural Apologetics
- * Commending the Faith: Conversational Apologetics
- * Our Mission: Making Disciples

The monthly lectures will feature knowledgeable and gifted speakers invited from Northern Ireland, Great Britain and America. The Fellows Programme is also offered at several C.S. Lewis Institute branches in the USA and Canada.





WHO THE PROGRAMME IS IDEAL FOR

The Fellows Programme is designed for men and women of all Biblically based faith traditions who have a hunger to experience and deeply know the Living Lord, and thereby to be transformed in their inner being. Such candidates will be equipped to effectively articulate the reasons for their faith and hope.

To apply for the course please visit our website at cslewisinstitute.org. In the first instance you should contact Stuart Horner, CSLI Belfast City Director, s.horner@cslewisinstitute.org or call 07713 141 886. A brief interview will be arranged prior to acceptance into the Fellows Programme. You can also find further information on our Facebook page - facebook.com/CSLIBelfast

Although the value of the Fellows Programme is estimated to be two thousand pounds per person, it is the policy of the C.S. Lewis Institute not to charge tuition. Each participant will be responsible for costs of books and the kick-off retreat. No accepted candidate will be denied participation because of finances. It is strongly encouraged that participants would voluntarily contribute to the C.S. Lewis Institute-Belfast as their means allow.



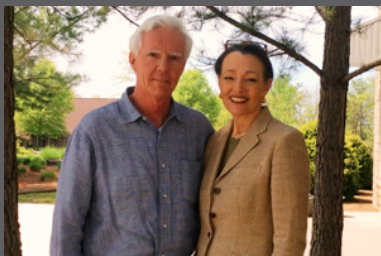
JOIN THE DISCIPLESHIP MOVEMENT

In Northern Ireland, where many local churches provide sound teaching in Christian theology and discipleship, the Discipleship Movement is well underway. To borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, Aslan is truly on the move! Nevertheless, church leaders see the need to further equip believers for the secular tidal wave that approaches. With that perspective, the Institute seeks to come alongside the local church as a missional arm by offering an intensive, year long discipleship programme for early and mid career aged individuals as well as retirees who are passionate about engaging their culture for Jesus Christ.

King David asks in Psalm 11:3..."When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" This question remains no less relevant today. David rejects the prompting to "run to the mountains" or retreat but rather reminds all to seek the Righteous Lord. The C.S. Lewis Institute-Belfast seeks to respond to David's query with its pursuit of discipleship of both heart and mind.

As our programme develops, the Institute will be offering events featuring world-respected authors and speakers on a wide range of topics from practical discipleship to the intersection of science and faith to forgiveness to dating and marriage. Seminars will encourage participants to embrace the sovereignty of God in all matters of life and faith, thereby expanding the rule of the Kingdom of God. In all such endeavours, the C.S. Lewis institute desires to serve the local church in its mission of equipping fully devoted followers of Jesus.

The C.S. Lewis Institute in Belfast was founded by Dr. Royce Johnson, with the support of his wife Dr. Susan Johnson, in 2016 and is now under the leadership of Stuart Horner, City Director for CSLI Belfast and the Board of CSLI (Belfast) Ltd (a company limited by guarantee registered in Northern Ireland with registration No. NI 645319)



Royce and Susan are retired ophthalmic surgeons from NW Arkansas USA who relocated to Holywood Northern Ireland in May 2015 to begin their work in founding CSLI Belfast. During their medical careers, they spent time in Kenya as medical missionaries, and in relational evangelism in the South of France from 2006-2012. Royce enjoys giving informal talks on C.S. Lewis to a variety of audiences, but mostly enjoys the way Lewis engaged his culture and lived as a follower of Jesus. Royce is the Founding Director of the C.S. Lewis Institute in Belfast. The Johnsons have raised four boys and returned to NW Arkansas in late 2019.



Stuart is a lawyer by profession, having practised as a solicitor in Belfast for over 10 years. A Fellow and Mentor on the inaugural CSLI Belfast Fellows Programme in 2016, Stuart acted as Programme Co-Ordinator in 2017 and now acts as City Director for CSLI Belfast, since Royce passed the baton to him in 2019. Stuart also runs his own small will writing and estate planning business. He is married to Laura with 2 daughters and lives in Carrickfergus.



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