

Contact us...

If you would like more information about **V4L Workshops**, or would like to explore other ways that GEAR might help, please get in touch with any one of our three **ERAs** (Evangelism and Renewal Advocates):



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**Serving the United Reformed Church,
GEAR aims:**

- ❖ to emphasise that the heart of all Christian life and work is a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ;
- ❖ to promote growth in Christian faith and life that is rooted in the Bible;
- ❖ to pray for and to foster renewal by the Holy Spirit in the personal life of members and the corporate life of congregations and councils;
- ❖ to explore ways of evangelism, and to encourage participation in forms of outreach relevant to today.

Information about GEAR's other ministries and resources can be found online at:
www.gear.org.uk

GEAR is a *faith ministry* and we gladly provide whatever help we can in line with our aims. Our work serving the URC - including employing three ¼ time ERAs - is *funded entirely through voluntary gifts* from churches and individuals who value what we do.



All members of GEAR belong to the URC, but GEAR itself is not a sub-committee of the denomination.

Bible Prayer Evangelism



Want something tasty to put on your Vision4Life 'menu'? Why not use some 'outside catering'?

Vision4Life
Transforming the church

A choice of three one-day workshops tackling the Vision4Life themes of Bible, Prayer and Evangelism.

For starters

The United Reformed Church's **Vision4Life** is a three year focus on re-engaging with the Bible, Prayer and Evangelism. Its purpose is to bring transformation to the URC and its partner churches.

GEAR has been part of this process from conception, and welcomes the way that these basic ingredients are central to the URC's new recipe. As the Group for Evangelism and Renewal, and with a fundamental calling to serve the URC, we are delighted to offer some 'outside catering' for churches who would like to spend a day focusing on one of these themes.

We've created three new dishes, specially geared for **Vision4Life**, and can blend the ingredients according to the church's taste. They include worship, teaching, testimonies, practical application, prayer and discussion. The one-day workshops - normally offered on a Saturday - can also be adapted for use on a Sunday, or even over a full weekend.

...if we've whetted your appetite, or if you'd like to know more, please do get in touch.

Growing closer
to Jesus
Enthusiastic about
the Bible
Alive in the power
of the Spirit
Reaching out with
the Good News

What's on the Menu?

V4L - Bible Workshop

Transformed by the Bible



The good book, or a difficult book? This workshop traces the Big Story that runs through the pages of the Bible; it considers Jesus Christ's own approach towards scripture; and it explores practical ways of engaging with the Bible that take account of people's differing personalities and learning styles.

V4L - Prayer Workshop

Transformed through prayer



Prayer is a problem for some, and a delight to others. This workshop explores personal and corporate prayer; growing in greater intimacy with God; and life-changing participation with our heavenly Father as we work to see His kingdom come on earth. It includes praying and vision, asking in Jesus' name, and 'standing in the gap' as an intercessor, all with the aim of enriching the prayer-life of our churches.

V4L - Evangelism Workshop

Transformed for evangelism



Fearful, uncertain, and desperate to avoid stereotypes? This workshop looks at knowing and telling the Gospel message about Jesus; working out how to tell our own stories of faith; and spotting the appointments created by the Holy Spirit. It aims to liberate evangelism from the burdens of fear, failure, guilt and duty.



Placing an order...

The **Vision4life Workshops** are offered as a partnership between the local church and GEAR.

- 1 **Contact** one of the Evangelism and Renewal Advocates (ERAs) to arrange for a V4L Workshop program that is suited for your church.
- 2 Identify a **local coordinator** from your church who will organize the practical arrangements and encourage people to take part.
- 3 Ahead of the event, we will provide materials to help people **pray** for themselves, the church and the preparations.
- 4 We will provide a small **team** (usually one to three people) to lead and teach the event, and will seek to involve people from the local church in practical ways too.
- 5 There is no charge for these events. GEAR provides this ministry free of charge in order to serve the URC. We simply ask that an **offering** be taken to help cover some of the expenses involved.