

Dear Church Planters and Disciple-Makers

I am delighted to be able to invite you to join the next wave of UK M4 Church Planting teams who will be meeting together either virtually or within the Birmingham area on 25-26 September. By being part of this you will have full access to our proven tools which have been instrumental in successfully helping over 400 new churches to be launched across 14 countries in Europe over the last decade. The M4 movement has now become one of the most significant groups for planting churches across Europe and its cutting edge tools which have been developed through constant on the job learning in diverse European countries such as Russia, Spain, Latvia, Norway, France and UK, has led to a vision to see another 2,000 churches planted in the next 5 years across Europe as likeminded Gospel people join together to push back the darkness and follow Jesus Great Commission.

At this time of Covid-19 restrictions we feel that God has been preparing us at Counties and M4 for this moment. Much of the M4 learning and training had been placed online to make it more readily accessible for several years and at the beginning of 2020 M4 Europe took the bold decision to completely overhaul this online material producing new training material using 7 of Europe's most gifted national church leaders to help raise up a new generation of Church planting leaders and help them equip their teams. These videos are between 7-15 minutes in length and designed to supplement the learning communities and ongoing coaching that all M4 team leaders receive. The words of scripture, "For such a time as this" come to mind as I reflect on God's perfect timing.

For those who are at the exploring church planting stage and have above average leadership potential we have also developed a 9-month programme called M4 Ready. This consists of weekly online learning and 2 gatherings designed to fan into flame the gifts and calling that God has given. We will be launching our first round of M4 Ready in the autumn. If you know of people who would benefit from this exciting opportunity do let me know.

M4 is a training process for igniting multiplying Church planting movements. It is a process tool that helps church planters explore the important issues they face during the entire church planting process. From the first moment you start carrying a vision of starting a new fellowship to when you have your new church around you, M4 helps you turn your dream into reality.

M4 is built around the ABC's of church planting: Assessment, Basic Training and Coaching. We have created an online and interview system for assessment that helps leaders find the right church planting candidates. Our basic training allows for, not just for content, but a unique environment for planters and their teams to guide them during the first 2-3 years of their church plant. The training is complemented by a raft of online leadership development material especially formulated to support each church planting leadership team as they face each challenge that comes along. Coaching, conducted by experienced planters and leaders, helps teams take their plans from a dream to reality. The content in the training platform has been developed from 30 years of church planting experience in the European context, and is formed around these four topics: Master; Mission; Multiplication and Movement.

These short videos will give you more of a flavour of the M4 process across Europe:

- What is M4 team training:<https://vimeo.com/112556865>
- M4 10 years celebration:<https://vimeo.com/345853456>
- Short video from Spain:<https://vimeo.com/168736535>
- Starting up in Czech:<https://vimeo.com/82399488>
- Story from Estonia: <https://vimeo.com/394322984>

Key Dates: To join the next wave of M4 church plants you will need to register with me as soon as possible and no later than the August 3rd and then you will need to go through the assessment process in to prepare you for the first learning community on **25-26 September** so please reserve the dates in your diary.

Cost: To cover the costs of the assessing, training and coaching there will be a cost £90 per person per learning community (this will be reduced if the event is online).

I believe that out of this time of pandemic God is doing a new thing across our land and I am excited to be able to offer the opportunity to partner with you via Counties and M4 to support and equip you and your team to successfully launch a new church to bring more people into His glorious Kingdom of Light. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours in Christ
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