

EVENT REPORT from 1<sup>ST</sup> December 2020

## Supporting those facing REDUNDANCY

Event organised by Faith at Work in Worcestershire, in collaboration with our neighbouring chaplaincy team Churches and Industry Group Birmingham & Solihull (CIGB) and the Jericho Foundation.



This Seminar, held in December, was convened in response to the major impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, not least in the number of people losing their jobs and likely to lose their jobs in the coming months.

We considered:

1. Where are we likely to meet people facing redundancy?
2. Having a simple conversation about redundancy and the experience of being unemployed.
3. A Toolkit for anyone offering one-to-one support including helping people deal with the trauma of losing a job, signposting to sources of help, retraining, practical steps back to work, CV writing and jobsearching.
4. Reaching out to help as part of our Christian calling.

We had 34 people attend from our own team, FWW and CIGB and also from other neighbouring teams in the Blackcountry (BCUIM) and from Coventry & Warwickshire (Workcare). The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, including this from Angela Gerrard from the Pershore Churches Together Chaplaincy Team, *"I think the seminar was well-balanced as a whole and acknowledged the very different settings we find ourselves in, with plenty of information given from which we might select information, signposts or places for people to access themselves."*

Another of our chaplains raised a very interesting and worthwhile point about ensuring that jobs were created which promote a "greener and fairer" world. A further comment was, *"It opened my understanding to the present situation. I got a lot out of it."*

Following on from the success and positive feedback of the December seminar, the national network of workplace chaplains, Workplace Chaplaincy Mission UK, WCMUK will be repeating the session as part of its next mini-conference running on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2:00pm – 3:30pm**. If you were unable to attend in December and would like to attend this time, please book yourself a place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-those-made-redundant-tickets-132077628743>

### FEBRUARY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**1:00pm - 1:30pm**  
to be held via Zoom.

You can find the prayer guide on our prayer portal at <https://www.faithatwork.org.uk/prayer/>

The **DISCOVER CHAPLAINCY TASTER SEMINAR** for those wanting to find out more about Workplace Chaplaincy and consider whether this may be the ministry for them.

**Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 – 8.30 pm, via Zoom.** To book a place sign up via [Eventbrite-discovering-workplace-chaplaincy](#)

The **INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY COURSE**, Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. starting February 17<sup>th</sup> until March 24<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. To book a place contact Dick on [dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk) or ring 07946 655450.

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