



THE COMMUNITY OF THE **TREE OF LIFE**

Is it for me?

Almost certainly the answer is 'Yes' but unfortunately there are a few limitations...

Age

You need to be between the age of 20 and 35 on 1st September of the year you join the community.

Relationship Status?

You need to be single and willing to remain single throughout your year with the community.

What's the Cost?

We don't charge a fee to join the community - we don't want a lack of funding to be a barrier to anybody applying.

The full cost of running the community per year is £17,000 per member. We encourage you to give sacrificially and contribute as much as you can.

We recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and we don't expect you to be able to raise the full cost. Typically you might aim to raise about £8,500 through a combination of personal giving, fund raising and sponsorship.

While living in community you will be provided with:

- Accommodation, food, everything needed for daily life
- Tuition and teaching materials
- Retreats and local travel to placements
- A small monthly allowance for personal use

Am I Christian enough?

Joining a residential Christian community is a major step in life and requires a level of Christian maturity. You will be living a shared rhythm of daily prayer, study and service alongside a group of other people. Aspects of the year will be demanding so a clear commitment to your faith and good standing in your local church are essential requirements.

Openness to Others

The Community is fully ecumenical – you'll meet, worship with and pray alongside people from many different traditions and Christian backgrounds. It's vital that you have an openness to learning from other Christians. We don't want you to change your denomination or church affiliation, but we will ask you'll be open to learn from others.

We are open to international applications. Be aware, this may incur further costs for travel and visas. We require a good level of English so that you will be able to benefit from our teaching programme.

Could health be a barrier?

We want the Community to be open to those with various physical or mental health challenges. We'd be happy to talk about the ways in which any condition you have may be managed to enable you to participate in community life.

Availability & Holidays

You will need to be available from the 1st September until the second weekend in July the following year. Community members will have set holidays at Christmas and Easter when there will be opportunity, for those who are able, to return home.

Application Process

If you would like to apply to join the community, download and complete an application form. Return your form to us via email info@leicestertreeoflife.org and we will acknowledge its receipt. We will prayerfully consider all applications and take up references. The final stage is an invitation to a Discernment Day.

If you have questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us, we'd be happy to chat to you informally.