

Role Description

The diverse Antioch church puts a premium on working with different networks, and these include language networks. Given Antioch's commitment to working with younger people, the focus of these language workers will be those recently arrived in the UK. This is because their 'heart language' is not English and their ability to understand ideas such as the Trinity is constrained by language. The Farsi language worker would have the following roles:

1) Evangelism

They would contact Farsi speakers and present the gospel. They would offer different points of contact, offering pathways towards events, meetings and resources where the gospel would be presented. They would work with the diverse church lead in designing activities, events and outreach strategies appropriate for their language group.

2) Teaching

They would teach the Bible, explaining basic Christian truths, and be closely involved in any baptism preparation. For those already following Christ, they would use and develop materials for people to deepen their understanding of the Bible, and of Christian teaching. This would be done alongside the diverse church lead. They would offer ways of integrating the teaching of the diverse church and the Farsi-speaking group.

3) Pastoring

They would offer pastoral support for Farsi speakers. Again, this would be closely integrated with the hospitality and pastoral structure of the diverse church. They would offer support to the diverse church lead on cultural, spiritual, material and psychological factors affecting the well-being of those from their language group associated with the church.

4) Promoting worship

The worker will foster prayer and worship in Farsi. Some of this will occur in a Farsi group, but some may also be expressed in the diverse congregation as a whole. Once again, they will advise the diverse church leader on how different expressions of worship might best be integrated into the community.

Hours

The post would be at 50%, starting in the summer of 2020.

You must be a committed Christian with a good knowledge of English and a mother-tongue level of Farsi.

You must be prepared to commit to the planting of a church in Rochdale.

Knowledge of other languages, such as Kurdish, Arabic or Turkish would be an advantage.

A driving licence is not required, but would be an advantage.

You must have the right to work in the UK.