

The Consultative Group on Ministry among Children was constituted in its present form in 1972. It is an official network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). It exists to bring together all those with national responsibility for work with children in denominations and Christian agencies who are in sympathy with the aims and objectives of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.



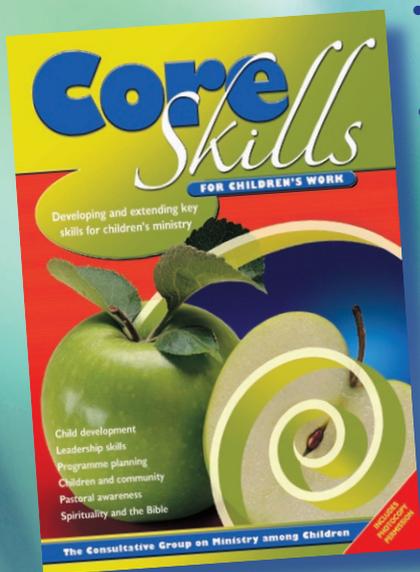
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TRAINING

CORE Skills for Children's Work

- **CORE** is an excellent example of good practice in ecumenical work, written, piloted and edited in groups drawn from 14 denominations, whose members have felt able to work through differences of approach with integrity.
- **CORE** is published by BRF and adaptable for use in many different ways in a variety of settings.
- **CORE** has six modules of practical benefit to all children's workers whatever their level of experience. An introductory session offers a skills audit as a way of selecting which of the freestanding modules to tackle first.
- **CORE** has been commended by several denominations as the most suitable way of training as a children's worker.



- **CORE** is being incorporated into more extensive training packages in some areas.
- **CORE** has excellent web support including additional resources for trainers and space to advertise or locate training events.
- **CORE** will be extended as new modules go on line at www.coreskillsforchurches.com

PUBLICATIONS

The Child in the Church:

A ground-breaking report on the church's need for children and the child's place within the church.

Children and Holy Communion:

A thought-provoking review of theory and practice in different denominations.

Kaleidoscope:

A popular training programme for children's leaders, exploring both theory and practice.

Taking Care:

A pack produced to provide training for leaders who have to relate to the issue of child abuse.

Big Blue Planet:

A selection of songs for children to share with adults.

Unfinished Business:

A report encouraging the churches to move forward with their ministry among children. This is accompanied by a study guide - Reflection and Action.

Tuesday's Child:

A reader for Christian educators

MEETINGS

CGMC members meet in conference twice a year, when specific issues relating to children's ministry are discussed in depth:

- **Acting as advocates for children in the churches**
- **Evaluating and promoting good resources**
- **Developing support material for children's ministry**
- **Training for children's work leaders**
- **Learning about issues affecting children**
- **Hearing the voice of children**

Further details on all publications are available on www.cgmcontheweb.com

At each CGMC conference a business meeting of all member bodies is held. This is the decision-making body of the organisation. It elects an executive committee. CGMC is self-financing, being funded by fees from its members.

CGMC takes part in the European Conference on Christian Education (ECCE), a forum for churches and agencies (Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox) in all parts of Europe. This conference meets every three years. It considers major thinking related to Christian education in general, and work with children in particular. Members of CGMC have the opportunity to attend this conference.



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Churches and Organisations currently represented on CGMC:

Baptist Union of Great Britain
Bible Reading Fellowship
Christian Education
Church of England
Church of Ireland
Church of Scotland
Church in Wales
Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade
Congregational Federation
Council for Sunday Schools and Christian Education in Wales
Christian Education Association Scotland
The Methodist Church of Great Britain
Methodist Church in Ireland
The Moravian Church
Presbyterian Church of Wales
Quaker Home Service
Roman Catholic Church
Roots for Churches
The Salvation Army
Sunday School Society for Ireland
United Reformed Church
Welsh National Centre for RE
World Council of Churches
Associated by Personal Membership:
International Christian College
Scripture Union
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