

Introduction to Cathedral Governance Training 2027

The AEC's Introduction to Cathedral Governance training sessions are primarily for those without previous cathedral experience – new members of cathedral Chapters (lay and ordained), new deans, residentiary canons, COOs and CFOs. The course may also be relevant for other members of cathedral SMTs, members of any governance committee of Chapter and those working in governance roles. The sessions are designed to complement each cathedral's own induction process and include reflection upon the legal and financial responsibilities of Chapters as charity trustees, the relationship of Chapter to the rest of the cathedral, strategic risk, fabric and property matters and the role of cathedrals as centres of worship and mission. Speakers are drawn from different cathedrals (both ordained and lay) and from the CFCE and NCIs. In addition to presentations, time is allowed for discussion and Q&A. It is suggested that delegates attend within 18 months of appointment to their cathedral role.

We are delighted to announce that booking is now open for our 2027 training days:

Thursday 18 February 2027 – Sheffield Cathedral (Chapter House) £85 pp

Thursday 3 June 2027 – Bristol Cathedral (Chapter House) £85 pp

Wednesday 20 October 2027 – The Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Limehouse, London £95.00 pp.

All the 2027 sessions will begin at 10.30am and end by 4.30pm. The delegate fee includes all course materials, refreshments throughout the day and a buffet lunch.

The course programme is regularly reviewed and refined by a working group. Delegates who attended our most recent sessions provided the following comments in their feedback:

- A really useful day - very informative sessions, great opportunity to meet others.
- Session lengths were just right, and the turnover of speakers prevented getting bogged down in over much detail. It left me wanting more than wishing I had had less. Even risk and finance which are not my topics of delight came over in an interesting way.
- I feel much better prepared for my role having attended these sessions.
- Very enjoyable, especially to see another Cathedrals and colleagues dealing with similar issues. An opportunity to try to understand and appreciate our collective name with so many different scenarios.

Bookings can be made via the AEC Administration Officer: Susan Chapman
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