

‘... able to teach others also.’ (2 Timothy 2v2)

‘...For such a time as this ...’ (Esther 4v14)

The Crown Christian Heritage Trust is grateful to have its headquarters at Crown Hall situated in beautiful Worcestershire just outside Droitwich. With flexible accommodation and several acres of property, it provides an ideal base as a launch for fulfilling the aims of the charity.



OUR PURPOSE

Today's society presents a great need for Christian workers to be trained to take the gospel to the United Kingdom and around the world. Who will be the pastors, church planters, and Sunday School teachers to reach the coming generation? At Crown Hall, we seek to have a part in training servants of the Lord. *‘The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.’* (Matthew 9v37) Please pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest would send labourers from this nation.

TRAINING TO EQUIP

The peaceful countryside surrounding Crown Hall lends itself to learning. Opportunities to grow in practical ways are provided as trainees work, study, and enjoy meals together whilst receiving daily instruction in a pleasant classroom setting. On weekends, students then travel to local churches across the country, putting into practice lessons learned in the week.

The **GAP Year Programme** is a dynamic opportunity for British young people to study God's Word and train for practical gospel service for two semesters at Crown Hall. GAP year classes serve to give students a Biblical foundation, preparing them to find their place in the work of God. Whether the students go on to learn a vocation, work in business, enrol in university, or serve in Christian ministry, this programme is a valuable step in a life lived for God. Classes in the programme include:

*Apologetics • Old and New Testament Survey • Creation Science • Muslim Evangelism
Children's Ministry • Teaching and Preaching the Bible • Evangelistic English Classes
Contemporary Theological Issues • Personal Evangelism • Church History*

The programme is designed to put knowledge into practice by providing outlets to serve in local churches through preaching and teaching, teen and children's ministry, ESOL classes, open-air meetings, community outreach, etc. There are also opportunities to go on mission trips to other parts of the country.

Additionally, we provide an option for GAP students to continue for two additional years of study via the **Gospel Ministry Programme**. Students who feel led to pursue gospel service as their lifelong calling can remain at Crown Hall for ongoing learning. This programme involves further in-depth training in all areas of Biblical study and ministry service.



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Though Charles Haddon Spurgeon never attended Bible college himself, he was an ardent supporter of training young people in gospel ministry. He referred to the Bible college he founded as 'My life's work, to which I believe God has called me.' He also stated, 'and therefore I must do it. To preach the gospel myself, and to train others to do it, is my life's object and aim.' The work did not grow out of any scheme: 'It grew out of necessity.' The importance he attached to adequate training for the ministry may be judged by the sacrifices he made to secure it. At one point, he offered to sell his carriage and horses to pay the necessary expenses. He trained 'hot gospellers' who spoke the language of the heart. Their palpable sincerity and undying zeal attracted hearers. The young disciples of Mr. Spurgeon proceeding from his college baptised converts right and left. 'Begin with speed, with fire, with learning and live to save men now.' When academics maligned the large number and intellectual quality of men being sent out after finishing their studies, Spurgeon responded, 'the muffs are the men who will preach; if you do not educate them, they will be worse than ever.' Though criticised by detractors for their lack of academic scholarship, Spurgeon's students gathered crowds and filled empty churches. New churches were built and zealous gospel preaching flourished. Not only were young men trained up for gospel work in England but students went on to take the fire of gospel evangelism to nearly every continent.

(Adapted from W.Y. Fullerton's C.H. Spurgeon: A Biography, Chapter 11, 'Spurgeon's College')

May God renew in His people the desire to see young men and women once again challenged and trained in this land for the gospel's sake.