



Porterbrook Network aims to provide education and training to individuals and churches who are enthusiastic to learn more about what it means to love God and love other people. It is an evangelical and training network comprised of two branches: Northern Training Institute (NTI) and Porterbrook Learning. NTI is a Bible College level programme of study for Christians in the UK. Porterbrook Learning produces training materials and runs courses in various locations

around the world. The purpose of both branches is the same: to equip ordinary Christians to proclaim the gospel through the word and action.

At present, NTI only runs in the UK. The course consists of guided reading, monthly seminar days with personal tutors and residential weeks featuring guest speakers. This allows students to combine study with voluntary or paid work, thus training them for mission whilst being on mission, and alleviating some of the problems of funding.

Porterbrook Learning runs in locations all over the world. There are Porterbrook Learning Sites in Sheffield and Edinburgh in the UK, and further sites in Europe, South Africa, the United States and Australia.

Porterbrook Learning Sites allow students to study through distance and e-learning with 3 residential weekends per year. This allows them to be better integrated in their local community and church whilst still benefitting from learning with others. Students who do not live near a Learning Site can still purchase material and participate in discussion with others across the globe, who are studying the same material, through the Online Student Area.

Porterbrook Learning differs from traditional theological education in the following ways:

Accessible: It is designed for ordinary Christians – not academics. The material is adaptable to suit contexts and needs: it is currently being recorded onto MP3 and translated into Chinese, Russian and German.

Practical: The material provides concrete applications and examples. It is not merely academic knowledge.

Relational: We strongly encourage students to study in community. Where students are more isolated, they can share ideas in the Online Student Area.

Contextual: It seeks to avoid removing students from their church, preferring rather to train them 'on the job' of ordinary life in their local community, through distance and e-learning.

Flexible: There are no fixed lectures to attend or exams to sit. Students can work through material at their own pace.

Affordable: Cost should never be a reason for people deciding not to study. If people feel they cannot afford the fees, then we endeavour to be flexible to be able to offer the material at whatever price people feel they can afford.

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