

# **The Chisholme Institute**

## **Discovering Unity *40-day Intensive Retreat* 16 October – 26 November 2017**

### **Application Form**

Please return the completed form marked *CONFIDENTIAL* to:

**The Principal**  
The Chisholme Institute  
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Scottish Borders  
TD9 7PH  
United Kingdom

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or by email to:  
[secretary@chisholme.org](mailto:secretary@chisholme.org)

## **Application Procedure**

The Discovering Unity 40-day Retreat is a significant commitment of time and money. As such, prospective students are advised to have undertaken either a Discovering Unity evening course or a short introductory weekend course at Chisholme or elsewhere, in order to become familiar with the process and perspective within which the retreat happens.

We would also encourage you to visit Chisholme and find out more. You are always welcome.

You are strongly advised to submit your application early. Applications will usually be followed by an interview (Skype or telephone if a face-to-face meeting is not possible). You will be informed of your acceptance for the course within a fortnight of applying<sup>1</sup>. The final submission date for applications is 15 September 2017.

Applicants from non-EEA (European Economic Area) countries please get in touch to find out about visa requirements.

A good grasp of the English language is essential for full participation in this course.

## **Fees and Payment**

The fee for the Retreat is £1400, including food, accommodation and course material. There is a non-refundable deposit of £200<sup>1</sup> which must be paid when your application is accepted. The balance is normally paid at the start of the course.

## **Financial support**

If you have difficulty in raising the full fee in advance of the course, we may be able to help you. For example, it might be possible to arrange for deferred payment. However, the general advice is that you do everything possible to raise the full course fee. Please contact the secretary should you wish to discuss payment further.

This application form is very important in the assessment of your acceptability for the course. Therefore, please take due consideration before answering each question and answer fully and honestly. If the space allotted for answers is insufficient you may continue on separate sheets.

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<sup>1</sup> The deposit will be returned in full if the course does not take place. The Institute will confirm the running of the course once the minimum number of students have been reached. Confirmation will be given by 16 September 2017.

*Applications will be treated in confidence.*

<b>Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (delete as applicable)</b>
<b>Surname:</b>
<b>Forenames:</b>
<b>Nationality:</b>
<b>Country of residence:</b>
<b>Full postal Address:</b>
<b>Telephone land line:</b> <b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Email address:</b>
<b>Date of birth:</b>
<b>Emergency Contact number:</b> <b>Relationship to applicant:</b>

*The initial questions ask you to tell us more about you and your interests: they concern you as a person. Later questions simply ask for more factual information.*

**1) Why are you interested in doing this course?**

**2) What do you expect to gain from it?**

**3) What would you most like to change a) in yourself and b) in the world**

**a)**

**b)**

**4) Can you identify any obstacles to change within yourself?**

**5) Given the situation of the world today, what would you say is the hope for the future?**

**6) Please explain what you consider love to be.**

**7) Please describe the most significant events of your life, and in particular explain what has prompted you to search for a contemplative perspective.**

**8) What do you consider to be your main weakness?**

**9) State what you consider to be your most positive characteristic.**

**10) After completing the above ask a close friend or relative what they consider to be your main weakness and your most positive characteristic.**

*Now we ask for some information about your background, your experiences and your current situation.*

**11) Have you been involved in any contemplative, spiritual or religious way, or group work? What is your present commitment to such way or group?**

**12) Give a list of your interests.**

**13) Religious upbringing**

**14) Give an account of any capabilities and skills you have (e.g. typing, carpentry, gardening etc).**

**15) Please tell us about any factors in your personal and life circumstances you think might affect your full participation in this retreat course.**

**16) Food:** *The preparation and enjoyment of food at Chisholme House is considered an essential part of an education in self-discovery and awareness.*

*The Chisholme kitchen aims to provide a nutritious and well-balanced diet, including as much organic and locally sourced produce as possible. It includes meat, poultry and fish, much of which is organic, free range or ethically sourced. Over half of the meals are vegetarian. Otherwise we endeavour to provide a vegetarian option where possible. We regret we are unable to cater for any special diets unless there is a clear medical reason.*

Please let us know below if you are a vegetarian or have any food allergies.

**17) Health:** Please let us know about any physical or mental health issues that you may need support with.

**Thank you for completing this application.**