

First Steps

Here are a few suggestions as to how you can get started as an Alpha Adviser.

1. Join Alpha Friends

By visiting alphafriends.org and registering. This is the website designed for churches running Alpha and those who have a keen interest in following the latest news and member stories from Alpha courses across the world.

2. Contact the Churches

Consult the list of Alpha courses that are registered in your region and call the local course contacts to:

Introduce yourself: Please explain that your appointment is part of the Alpha vision to support courses at a local level across the UK. There may be ways in which you can help immediately but offer your services as a point of contact for the future.

Check the status of the course and the accuracy of the Alpha Website: The accuracy of the website depends on receiving updates from the courses themselves. Please encourage those whose details have changed or who are no longer running Alpha to update their details on the website by emailing any changes to ukalpha@alpha.org

Encourage “flagging” courses to attend an Alpha Conference or Accelerate event: where they can address the issues that may be holding them back. Many of the courses that struggle to get off the ground are run by people who have not been on an Alpha Conference or who have not specifically trained their team prior to each course. Please visit alphafriends.org/events

Inform them of any local Alpha events: such as Accelerate events or joint Team Training sessions that may be scheduled to take place in the area. The latter is especially important if the individual course is not training its team before every course. There may also be opportunities for them to join in combined churches’ Alpha Weekends/Days Away or Suppers at the end of each course. Often, smaller courses really benefit from linking together for these three vital components of the Alpha course: Team Training, Alpha Weekend/Days away and Suppers. For more on combining local Alpha activity please see the Adviser Manual.

Encourage feedback: invite the course contact to let you know how their course goes – good or bad – so that you can stay in touch and continue to support them. Testimonies are always wonderful to hear and we would love to encourage you and others to post your stories on [alphafriends](http://alphafriends.org) by clicking on the ‘Share your story’ tab.

3. Contact the Alpha Advisers

Link with Alpha Advisers who are also operating in your area (see the list sent to you in your appointment pack) and call to:

Introduce yourself: as a recently appointed Adviser for the particular area or ministry. Where there is an existing Regional Team Leader then it is likely that your appointment will have been made in conjunction with them in any event.

Check if there are any forthcoming Alpha events: or planning/prayer meetings in the area that you might attend or be involved with.

Arrange to meet: at some stage to compare notes and pray for the regional impact of Alpha