

What do people say?

“One of the best Christian events on abortion I have ever been to.”

GP and Church Leader, Kettering.

“I can’t even put into words how moved and challenged I was by today’s training. What a wonderful exploration of compassionate teaching on very difficult subjects.”

Attendee at Pastoral Training Day, Belfast.

“Shortly after attending the miscarriage training session, a lady in our church felt comfortable to talk to someone about their miscarriage experiences and we have now been able to offer ongoing support through our pastoral team. Success!”

Church Leader, Stourbridge.

“The session was full of people who were passionate about learning how to support people well, coming together to learn and grow.”

Michelle - Asking for a Friend attendee.



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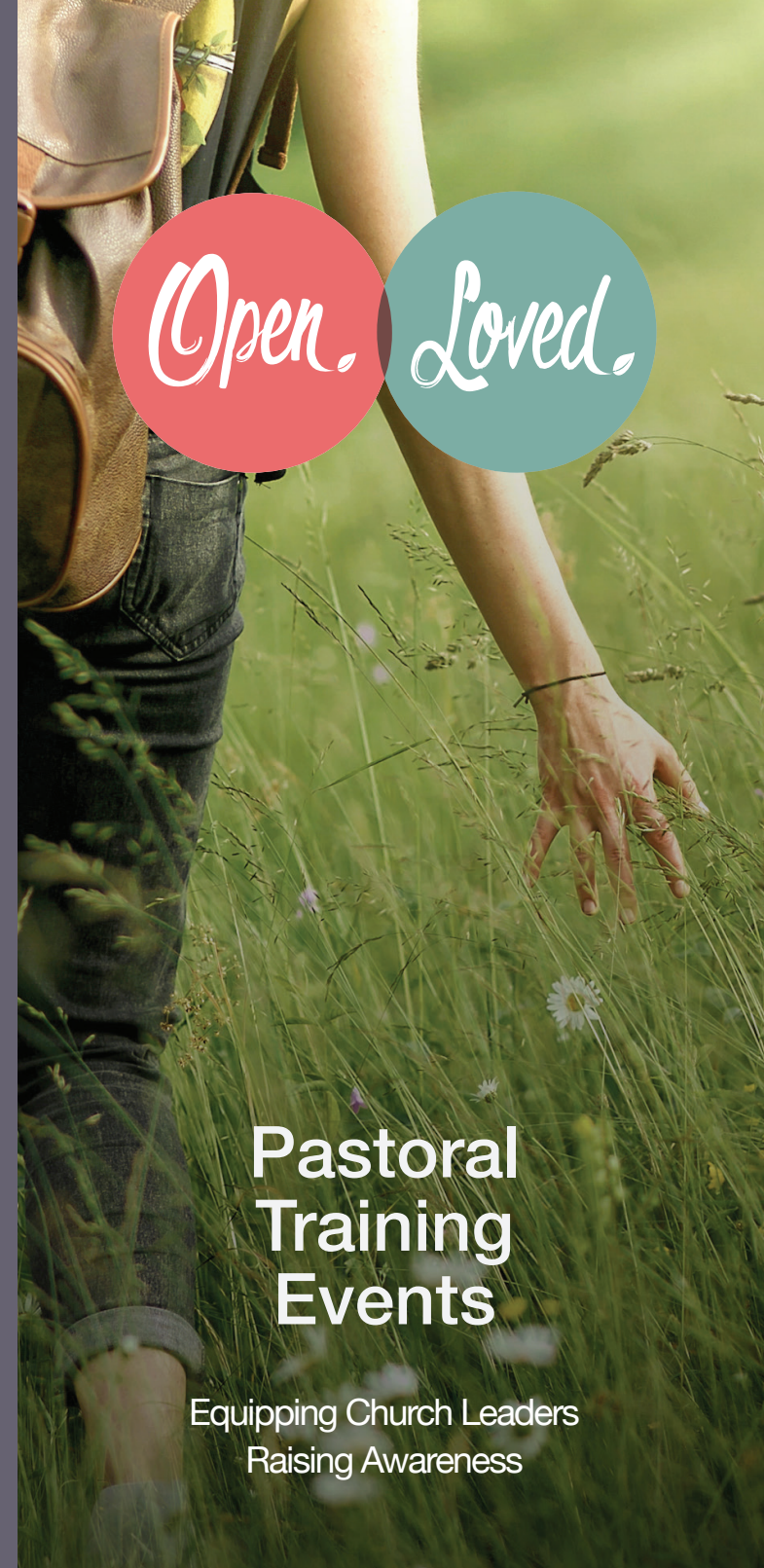
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Pastoral Training Events

Equipping Church Leaders
Raising Awareness



Open.

One in three women in the UK will have had an abortion by the time they are 45. **OPEN's** vision is to lift the silence which so often surrounds this issue, and to help churches create an environment where crisis pregnancy and post abortion concerns can be spoken of with grace and compassionate understanding.

What training do OPEN and LOVED provide?

Training resources give information and practical tools to church leaders, pastoral workers and friends to help open up the conversation around these topics, and to bring an appropriate response.

An awareness of support offered by OPEN and LOVED will help those affected by these issues to address their concerns in safe and confidential settings.

Resources offered:

- One day training events for church leaders and pastoral workers, shaped around the context of your church or group of churches.
- Seminars at Christian events.
- Lectures for those in theological colleges.
- Shorter online training sessions.
- 'Asking for a Friend' online sessions.
- OPEN and LOVED Healing Retreats.

LOVED.

In the UK, one in four pregnancies ends in miscarriage, and yet this loss is also rarely spoken of in church, and the grief is surrounded by a lonely silence. **LOVED** seeks to raise awareness of the issues surrounding miscarriage and the impact on those who have experienced it.



It is so encouraging to see the work of OPEN grow in Northern Ireland. Many more churches are opening up the conversation around crisis pregnancy and baby loss, and it is such a privilege to be part of this.

Rebecca Richards
Northern Ireland Consultant for OPEN



Having been involved in training and pastoral care for a number of years, it is a joy to now be sharing in the ministry of OPEN – serving the church through offering pastoral training and support to women after baby loss.

Leonie Lucas
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