

The background of the right side of the page is a photograph of a city street. A blue tram is stopped at a station. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalk. A large white diagonal shape overlaps the left side of the image. The word 'LAUNCH' is overlaid in large white letters across the middle of the image.

LAUNCH

TWO YEARS ON MISSION IN EUROPE

**BIRMINGHAM,
ENGLAND**

Program Overview

Three Years to Make an Eternal Impact

The Launch program is specifically designed to expose participants to all aspects of what is required to be an effective cross-cultural Gospel worker. It accomplishes this by deploying cohorts of three to six people for 2 years to work alongside some of GEM's most effective missionaries in a variety of strategic locations. You can expect to receive customized training in fund raising, discipleship, church planting, community development and in some cases language learning. In addition to the structured training programs and curated ministry opportunities, each cohort will be hosted by a dedicated mentor couple or team whose goal is to personalize the experience for you and help you become as effective as possible. While this program is designed as a structured 2-year missions experience, those who feel God's further call on their lives can transition to full time service at numerous points along the way.

Program Snapshot:

Year 1: Application, Orientation, Fundraising Training, and coaching.

Year 2: Launch to Europe, Cultural and Language Training, Discipleship training, active participation in ministry.

Year 3: Transition from training to more focused ministry in a variety of settings.

Discover Birmingham



Birmingham, the chief city in the West Midlands of England is the third largest population center in the U.K.

Just a short two-hour train ride from London the two cities are vastly different. While London represents the English elite – Royalty and Government, **Birmingham has always been the capital of the working man.**

In fact, the whole of the West Midlands is the beginning of the Industrial Revolution and still today attracts the working class. From across the globe, people come for opportunities to work or learn at one of Birmingham's five universities, making it one of the most diverse metropolitans in Europe.

The city hums with the combination of these two key demographics – **the youth and the working class all drawn to the city by the hopes of a better life.**

In the midst of these demographics each neighborhood changes dramatically as you move through the city. The Kingdom response to this has been a network of small churches scattered throughout neighborhoods focused on creating expressions specific to each community. Each church seeks to make a tangible social and spiritual impact on their neighborhoods.

What makes Birmingham unique?

Strategic

From international students to the diverse population from across the globe, the opportunity to impact the world through ministry in this key UK city is everywhere. As immigrants and students come and go, can you imagine the impact if they could be sent on with a new relationship with Jesus as a result of their time living here? To that end, our outreach ministry focuses on relational and proclamation evangelism paired with practical discipleship so that they can effectively take the Gospel with them if their time in Birmingham ends. In much the same way as a working-class population struggling to find their place in an English economy adjusting to the new realities post-Brexit. In both cases, the Good News offers community, hope, and meaning to people who are often isolated, disillusioned, and struggling to find their way.

Urban

While Birmingham has progressed beyond its Industrial Age origins, marked by smokestacks at every turn, it is still a working man's city at its heart - functional, practical, and alive. You can expect to encounter people from all over the world in Birmingham as you move through the historic city streets. You're just as likely to meet an English person as someone from a different continent with a completely different background without any European heritage.

Program Specifics

Program Cost Breakdown

Monthly Costs

Salary/Housing - \$3090

Insurance/Benefits - \$180

Mission/Ministry - \$630

Total Per Month - \$3900

Launch Fund

Housing/Set-up - \$7500

Training/Language - \$4500

Travel/Moving/Visas - \$6500

Total Launch Fund - \$18500