



"Darren is unique! He has a deep passion for Jesus and for lost people. He will bless you, unsettle you, provoke you. With a proven track record of evangelism and church planting in one of the most difficult areas in the UK, he has a lot to offer to churches seeking to reach out beyond their current constituency."

Gary Gibbs, Elim's Director of REACH (Evangelism & Church Planting)



Testimony

Darren has one of those back stories that challenges your perception of what is possible with God.

Coming from a childhood of neglect and abuse he ended up being part of gangs in Northampton where he was known to most people for brawling, selling drugs and stealing cars.

Being excluded from school before his GCSEs, Darren had no qualifications until he met Jesus. Today he has a Degree in Applied Theology, and has written two books.



Experience

Being ordained with the Elim Pentecostal Church a few years back, Reverend Darren Edwards is known among Church leaders and colleagues for his evangelistic zeal. Darren was taken on in an evangelistic role for the Christian charity Spencer Contact in 2008, and had the opportunity to share his faith one-to-one with the unchurched numbering in their thousands. To some he is known for his street Evangelism, during which he prefers to work in the prophetic. To this day Darren has had the opportunity to preach the good news of Jesus to over 3 million people in the UK.

In 2013 Darren and his family went to pioneer their first Church in Lincoln, where he has now pioneered three Churches, and is on the National Church Planting Team for the Elim Pentecostal Church. In their first eighteen months of pioneering their Church, they stopped counting decisions to follow Jesus at 150 because it didn't equate with how many people were being discipled each week. Today you will find that Darren and his team are big on follow up and discipleship, even offering a discipleship course for new believers.

Today Darren has given training in several forums, which include:

- ✦ Open Air Campaigners: National Conference
- ✦ Ground Level: ONE Event
- ✦ New Frontiers: Stoneleigh Festival
- ✦ CAP UK: National Conference
- ✦ Youth For Christ: Staff Training
- ✦ Elim Pentecostal Church: Several training events

Darren is also sensitive to the needs and traditions of denominations and networks outside of his own, giving training sessions across denominations.

How it works

We all have a vision or mission, and if Darren's style and ministry can help yours, you should contact us. Darren has a ministry to the poor, and specifically to the working class culture. However, the gospel is a relevant message for all and Darren regularly interacts with people from all classes and cultures.

If you decide that you would like to book Darren for an evangelistic event you will need to email: darren@ignitelincoln.co.uk or fill in the form on our website: www.ignitelincoln.co.uk/darredwards

Please provide us with a dress code, postcode and some sort of idea of the audience that Darren will be ministering to.

Darren also offers training in the following subjects:

- 👉 The Gospel: Leading someone to faith
- 👉 Church-based Evangelism
- 👉 Power Evangelism
- 👉 UK Mission
- 👉 Church Planting

The Gospel

Believe it or not, many Christians don't actually know the fullness of the gospel or why it is good news. We've found that a lot of Church leaders don't even know why the resurrection is so important.

In this session we teach the gospel and show how to share it effectively. We then teach everyone how to lead someone to Jesus and pray 'the prayer' with them.

Power Evangelism

Certainly in the streets, Darren finds that power Evangelism is the most successful way of sharing his faith with people that have no faith in Jesus.

Darren and his team are able to host a prophetic workshop in your Church or youth group, giving people confidence in the prophetic. Praying for healing also comes quite naturally and we come with lots of testimonies of what God has done before.

UK Mission

If you've heard of Darren from anywhere it will most likely be that you've heard a friend or colleague talking about his missional activities. Darren's first book, *Chav Christianity*, was the number one bestseller in Amazon's mission and Evangelism category when it was released in 2013.

Darren brings principles that will help you to reach your community more effectively which in turn will make your evangelistic efforts more successful.

Church-based Evangelism

Part of the success on the ground in the Church that Darren and his family have pioneered in Lincoln is the way that they relentlessly share their faith through evangelistic events, outreach projects and personal Evangelism.

Darren also teaches about how a Church service can be more friendly to the unchurched.

Church Planting

Church Planting is probably the best form of Evangelism, and some research shows that it's the most effective way to win the lost.

After pioneering three Churches so far, Darren has a whole load of experience and knowledge to share.

Church Planting isn't for the faint-hearted and it takes a whole life. Darren also gives training for all Elim Church Planters as part of his role with the denomination.

