



NORTH EAST CHURCHES
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Appointment of a new Regional Officer for NECAT

North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT) is seeking to appoint a new Regional Officer from the Summer or early Autumn of 2026 following the decision of the previous Regional Officer to withdraw his acceptance of the post on ill-health grounds.

NECAT is the intermediate ecumenical body for the North East of England from Teesside to the Scottish border. It covers the local authority areas of Northumberland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North Tyneside and South Tyneside; Gateshead; Sunderland; Stockton-on-Tees; Hartlepool; Darlington; County Durham; Middlesbrough; Redcar and Cleveland - a population of 2.6m people.

We are looking for a person who is self-directed and an active Christian with the capacity to work across the communities, churches, Christian organisations and projects of the North East.

You will:

Act as the operational lead for NECAT, coordinating and implementing the vision, aims and objectives of NECAT as agreed by the Trustees in consultation with other groups such as the Church Leaders and denominational Ecumenical Officers.

Be a companion member of the regional senior Church Leaders Group.

Work strategically with the regional senior Church Leaders Group and the Trustees of NECAT to facilitate and support the churches of the North East in their relationships with one another and in their wider mission in the world.

Develop and sustain partnerships and tend relations with the region's denominational Churches, ethnic and newer churches, Churches Together groups, and other faith communities.

Work with the Ecumenical Officers' meeting and the Local Ecumenism Group enabling and encouraging the development and support of the ecumenical working of churches in the North East and especially local ecumenical witness and mission to the communities they serve.

Network and liaise with Churches Together in England, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and other national and international bodies. Represent the North East Region at the Churches Together in England Enabling Group and other national ecumenical meetings.

Raise the profile of NECAT in the region and further afield generally and specifically with regard to church in society and faith in public life concerns.

Broker partnerships with public bodies and civil society networks, private, economic and third sector bodies as appropriate in fulfilling the vision, aims and objectives of NECAT as agreed by the Trustees.

Applications close: 2.00pm 10 April 2026

Interviews will take place on: 14 April 2026 in Durham

Applications are by a letter of application including an expression of your interest and suitability for the post, the names and contact details of three referees, including a pastoral referee, a summary of your Christian commitment and service and a CV and should be submitted by email to chair@necat.co.uk

This is a full-time post (37.5 hours per week). It requires some evening and weekend work. It is open to people who are ordained, authorised ministers and 'lay' people from any Christian denomination.

Contributions to a suitable pension will be agreed in consultation with the Regional Officer.

Given the geography of the regional, possession of a driving licence by the postholder is highly desirable.

Previous applicants for the post need not re-apply.

The annual salary is £37,000.

Informal conversation about the post is welcome. Please contact Canon Dr Mark Bonnington, Chair of Trustees chair@necat.co.uk with your enquiry and contact information.

Mark Bonnington
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North East Churches Acting Together