



Community of Faith Conference

27th February—1st March 2015

Conference Handbook

Family of God



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SING TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH;
PROCLAIM HIS SALVATION DAY AFTER DAY.
DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS,
HIS MARVELLOUS DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES.
FOR GREAT IS THE LORD AND MOST WORTHY OF PRAISE;
HE IS TO BE FEARED ABOVE ALL GODS.
FOR ALL THE GODS OF THE NATIONS ARE IDOLS,
BUT THE LORD MADE THE HEAVENS.
SPLENDOUR AND MAJESTY ARE BEFORE HIM;
STRENGTH AND JOY ARE IN HIS DWELLING PLACE.
ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, ALL YOU FAMILIES OF NATIONS,
ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND STRENGTH.
ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME;
BRING AN OFFERING AND COME BEFORE HIM.
WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE SPLENDOUR OF HIS HOLINESS.



Welcome Note

Hello

Welcome to the Community of Faith Conference. We are delighted to have you with us at this our first conference for those involved in ministry with children and young people. We have a great keynote speaker and a host of workshops which will cover many different aspects of working with children and young people. There'll also be lots of opportunities to talk with and learn from one another and a resource area providing lots of inspiration.

This conference is part of the Learn initiative which was launched in Oct 2014. In consultation with Presbyteries and congregations we developed the Learn initiative which seeks to “connect, resource and inspire” churches through events, publications and online resources to help strengthen and advance local discipleship and learning.

In this handbook you will find all the information that you need for the conference and much more besides. Please have a look at the workshop choices and plan which ones you wish to attend. If you have come as part of a group please try and plan strategically so you can get lots of topics covered!

At the back of the handbook there is ‘Essential Information’ which covers contact details and emergency contact info. There is also a map of the venue to help you find your way around.

We hope and pray that this conference helps you in your respective roles in the life of the church.

Best—

The Learn Team



Conference Programme

Friday

Time	Session	Location
5pm	Registration Refreshments served	Reception Assembly Hall
6.15pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
7.30pm	Welcome & worship Keynote 1: the place of children and young people in the family of God Now You're Talking 1: how will our children have faith?	Lecture Theatre
9.30pm	Refreshments	Lecture Foyer
10.30pm	Close	



Saturday

Time	Session	Location
8am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9am	Keynote 2: intergenerational community in the family of God Now You're Talking 2	Lecture Theatre
11am	Refreshments	Lecture Foyer
11:30am	Workshops 1	Classrooms
12:45pm	Lunch Resource area open	Dining Hall Assembly Hall
2pm	Keynote 3: faith formation in the family of God Now You're Talking 3	Lecture Theatre
4pm	Refreshments Resource area open	Lecture Foyer Assembly Hall
4.30pm	Workshops 2	Classrooms
5.30pm	Break—Resource area open	Assembly Hall
6pm	Dinner Resource area open	Dining Hall Assembly Hall
7.30pm	Workshops 3	Classrooms
8.30pm	Worship	Lecture Theatre
9.30pm	Refreshments—Resource area open	Assembly Hall
10.30pm	Close	



Sunday

Time	Session	Location
8am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9am	Keynote 4: worship in the family of God Now You're Talking 4	Lecture Theatre
11am	Refreshments	Lecture Foyer
11:30am	Workshops 4	Classrooms
12:45pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
2pm	Worship with communion Closing remarks	Lecture Theatre
3pm	Depart	



Keynotes

<p>Keynote Speaker: Barbara McDade</p>	<p>Barbara is the Programmes Development Officer for Congregational Life and Witness for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.</p>	
<p>Session 1- Friday 8pm The place of children and young people in the family of God</p>	<p>This introductory session will explore what we mean by the family of God and consider how our ecclesiology impacts the models of youth and children’s ministry utilised by congregations. We will also consider the status of children and young people within the family of God including consideration of how the sacraments of baptism and communion impact on their relationship with the local church and their sense of belonging to it.</p>	
<p>Session 2 - Saturday 9am Intergenerational community in the family of God</p>	<p>In recent decades the development of children’s and youth ministry has taken place largely in ways that encourage separation between the generations within the family of God. Children and young people may be nurtured and cared for within excellent youth organisations, they may really enjoy the programmes on offer and love meeting up with their friends but they may never have the opportunity to connect into the wider life of a congregation. In this session we will ask why children’s and youth ministry has developed in this way, reflect on the impact it is having on the faith development of children and young people and its consequences for the local church?</p>	



<p>Session 3 - Saturday 2pm Faith formation in the family of God</p>	<p>Who is responsible for faith formation in the family of God? Is it down to professionally qualified youth and children’s ministry workers or teachers , willing volunteers, or parents? This session will explore the ways in which children and young people learn, how we can encourage faith formation from an early age and support young people as they move through adolescence. We will also consider the implications of covenant theology upon the faith formation of young people being brought up within Christian homes and those who come from a non-faith background.</p>
<p>Session 4 - Sunday 9am Worship in the family of God</p>	<p>Worship is so much more than singing and musical taste, it goes right to the heart of who we are and our purpose in this world. Yet often in the family of God it seems our focus shifts away from God as battle lines are drawn between the generations over the worship style and format of our services. The danger is that personal preference or musical taste become the focus of how we worship in the family of God, rather than being a means through which people of every age can focus their worship upon God. If a congregation is going to worship collectively as the whole family of God it will require people of all ages to set their own preferences and consider the needs of others, whilst remembering who it is we are called to worship.</p>



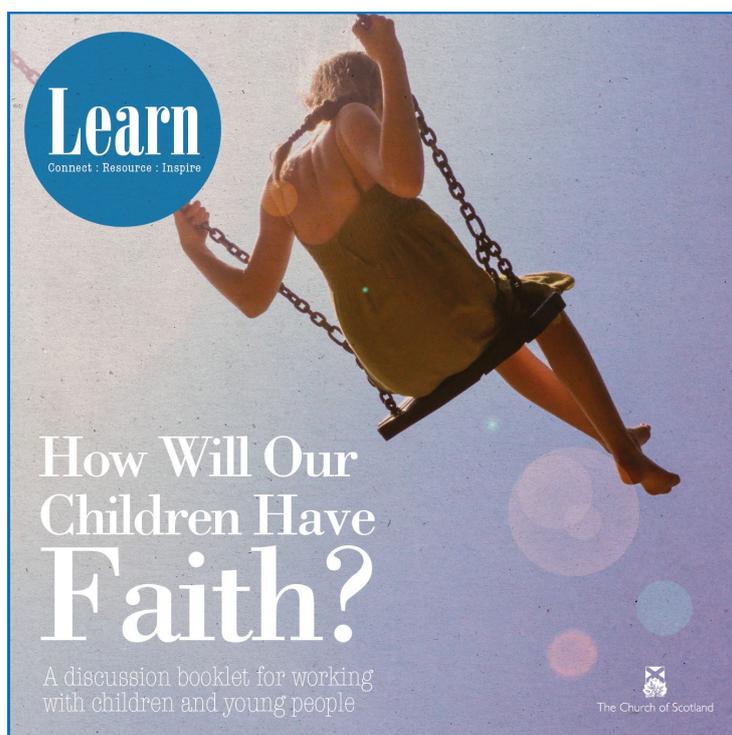
Now You're Talking Sessions

A chance to hear from one another and from other organisations as to what is happening throughout Scotland.

<p>Session 1: Friday 9pm</p>	<p>How will our children have faith?</p>	
<p>Session 2: Saturday 10am</p>	<p>Care for the Family Urban Saints Treasure Box People Boys' Brigade</p>	<p>Marilyn Shedden (Messy Church BBQ) Alison Hay (Dr Who visits nativity) Duncan Cullens (work with high school) Renita Boyle (storytelling) Alan Sorrenson (school assemblies) Peter Gill (street pastors to alpha course) Jennifer Stark (craft corner)</p>
<p>Session 3: Saturday 3pm</p>	<p>Prayer spaces in schools Youth for Christ CEAS Go For It Fusion Tearfund</p>	<p>Jenni Hood (using film) Sharleen Bell (Messy breakfast) Joy Macfarlane (Bubblegum n' fluff) Gayle Taylor (woods & wellies) Gillian Orr (come dine with me)</p>
<p>Session 4: Sunday 10am</p>	<p>Fischy Music Christian Aid M&D music group Godly Play</p>	<p>Tracy Curle (Seedlings) Lesley Ewing (roving chaplaincy) Russel Shields (music @ St Mike's) Sara Christie (Tots Praise) Jennifer Stark (remembrance service)</p>



How will our children have faith?



Where are our children and young people? Should we employ a children's or youth worker? Is what we are doing working?

If you have asked these questions, then this discussion booklet is for you. It will take you through four steps, helping you to reflect on, and evaluate, the ministry with children and young people in your church and community.

'How will our children have faith' has been written to help congregations think more about 'why' they should work with children before they ask 'how' they might do that.

We'll be trialling the document and looking for your feedback during the Now You're Talking session on Fri evening.

THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. HE WILL NOT GROW TIRED OR WEARY, AND HIS UNDERSTANDING NO ONE CAN FATHOM. HE GIVES STRENGTH TO THE WEARY AND INCREASES THE POWER OF THE WEAK. EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

Isaiah 40:28b-31



Workshops

Workshop 1: Saturday at 11:30am

Telling It Together- Tales, Tunes, Tips and Tools	Room A
Working with a Kirk Session and Minister and Developing a CYP Strategy: music@stmikes	Room B
'I'm washing my hair'... 100 reasons why people don't volunteer	Room C
Being a school chaplain without being (totally) annoying	Room D
"All Inclusive?" – working with children and young people with ASN	Room E
Keeping Families Together – The Heart Of God	Room F

Workshop 2: Saturday at 4.30pm

Messy Church & discipleship	Room A
Young people in decision making	Room B
Participation as faith formation	Room C
What's on their mind	Room D
Developing children and young people in leadership	Room E
Sticky faith	Room F

Workshop 3: Saturday at 7.30pm

Go For It: Funding Change in Church and Community	Room A
"Holiday Club – the 2% Solution?"	Room B
Prayer spaces in schools	Room C
Church and Society: Skill Up, Speak Out	Room D
Working Together – Building Communities: Inspirational and Aspirational Thinking	Room E
Getting away from it all	Room F

Workshop 4: Sunday at 11.30am

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Workshops Session 1: Sat 11.30am

<i>The place of children and young people and intergenerational community in the family of God</i>			
Title	Telling It Together- Tales, Tunes, Tips and Tools	Room	A
Speaker	Renita Boyle: Renita has been described as ‘a remarkable storyteller – a powerball of imagination and inventiveness, who can keep young audiences spellbound and older listeners thinking.’ She is the author of My Storytime Bible, Not a Cloud in the Sky and Parachute Fun for Everyone and is currently serving as Reader in Residence for the Scottish Book Trust in Dumfries and Galloway Libraries.		
Blurb	Increase and improve your storytelling skills. Gain insight, be inspired and experience the impact of a story well told. Learn new ways to use puppets, props and parachutes. Let’s Tell it Together!		
Title	Working with a Kirk Session and Minister and Developing a CYP Strategy: music@stmikes	Room	B
Speaker	<p>Sarah Gillan: Sarah is a Music Teacher in Stirling. With two others she set up an exciting new project last summer called ‘Music at St Mike’s’. She has various experiences in Musical Theatre and is trained as a singer and a violinist. Sarah has worked with a wide range of children from Nursery-Senior 6.</p> <p>Stewart Gillan: Stewart is married to Sarah and is the minister of St Michael’s Parish Church in Linlithgow.</p>	 	
Blurb	Last summer, St Michael’s Parish Church set up a new Children and Young People’s strategy called ‘Music at St Mike’s’. The team are going to share their experiences of what this looked like including their work with the Minister and the Kirk Session and the communication that went on to introduce some changes. At St Michael’s, they encourage the involvement of their young people in worship, particularly with in the form of music.		



Workshops Session 1: Sat 11.30am

Title	'I'm washing my hair that year'... 100 reasons why people don't volunteer	Room	C
Speaker	Alex Bauer: Alex is Project Manager of theGKexperience, a Charity which works alongside young people from within the most disadvantaged areas in Scotland. A youth work practitioner with 18 years of experience in the field, 13 in a parish setting. She was involved in the initial concept and development of theGKexperience, now managing a large team of staff and volunteers.		
Blurb	Have you grappled with finding, recruiting and hanging on to volunteers to work with children and young people? Have you heard every excuse in the book? Do you wonder if there is actually anyone out there suitable? Are you afraid to keep asking? Do you not have a clue what to do once you find a suitable person? Do you seem to struggle to keep volunteers interest? If so, this workshop is for you. It won't have all the answers, but we will try and tackle a few of these questions. Shampoo not compulsory.		
Title	Being a school chaplain without being (totally) annoying	Room	D
Speaker	Ken Coulter: Ken works for the Kirk as the Education Policy Officer two days per week. His remit is to do with education and the interface between the educational world and the world of Church and faith. The other three days per week he works as a secondary school RME teacher.		
Blurb	This seminar will explore some of the barriers to excellent school chaplaincy and look at examples where it works well. This will include "Time for Reflection" and "Serve Your Local School" type initiatives. Sharing of experience might be allowed. If you're looking for shortcuts to squeeze chaplaincy into the 26th hour of the day or if you like the same old routine then this seminar is not for you. But if you are thinking about ways to be liberated and creative, then come on in. The ultimate question is not always what you can do but who you can be.		



Workshops Session 1: Sat 11.30am

Title	"All Inclusive?" – working with children and young people with ASN	Room	E
Speaker	<p>Mark Arnold: Mark is Chief Operating Officer for Urban Saints and has a vision to see all children and young people with special/additional needs or disabilities included in what the church offers. He is also father to James, 12, who has Autism and Learning Difficulties.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Children's and youth workers want to include kids of all abilities and needs in what they do, but many struggle to make this a reality. There are many different kinds of special/additional need, and each one, each child, can present different challenges (and opportunities!) It's hard for children's and youth workers to navigate the right path through this sometimes difficult and complex area, while being caring, inclusive and supportive to each child (and their families). How can churches and children's/youth workers not only understand more about the children they are working with, but also change the way they work with them so to be more inclusive?</p>		
Title	Keeping Families Together – The Heart Of God	Room	F
Speaker	<p>Fiona Marks: Fiona is the Scotland National Co-ordinator for Care for the Family, with extensive experience of linking church with community, previously working as Director of Alpha Scotland and as a team leader with the Church of Scotland. Fiona is a member of the Mission & Discipleship Council and the Church Without Walls team.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family relationships and to help those who face family difficulties. With the cost of family breakdown estimated at £42bn annually, alongside the immeasurable emotional cost, we have a wonderful opportunity, as the family of God across all ages, to positively impact our fractured communities by sharing fresh approaches to 'doing life' together. This seminar will focus on the small, simple changes which can dramatically improve the quality of family life and will also highlight the 'Parentalk' and 'Let's Stick Together' parenting resources which can be used in your community.</p>		



Workshops Session 2: Sat 4.30pm

<i>Faith formation in the family of God</i>			
Title	Messy Church & discipleship	Room	A
Speaker	<p>Shirley Robertson: Shirley lives in Lhanbryde, Moray, and is the Messy Church regional coordinator for the North East of Scotland. She has a passion for encouraging, educating, developing and empowering people. These are skills that she has transferred from her previous employment as a Practice Development Nurse in community health.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Messy Church is becoming one of the most exciting expressions of changing models of church. Families are encouraged to discover, make crafts and explore Bible themes at a generally fast moving, lively pace with a brief worship session followed by a family meal. This session will explore and encourage discussion on how we can bring discipleship opportunities to those attending Messy churches</p>		
Title	Young people in decision making	Room	B
Speaker	<p>Paul Cathcart & COSY Glasgow: Paul is a Church of Scotland deacon currently placed at Govan and Linthouse Church. He is engaged in emerging church and youth strategy in one of the most populated parishes in Scotland. He organises Messy Church and school groups amongst other things. He is married to Christine and they have three grown up children.</p>		
Blurb	<p>It's often said that young people are the church of the future. But what can young people bring to the decision making process in the here and now? How young do you need to be to be considered young? Are we afraid to hear young voices because their views may challenge what we think to be the 'right' way of doing things? We will explore these and other questions and hear from two young people who are at the heart of decision making in Glasgow</p>		



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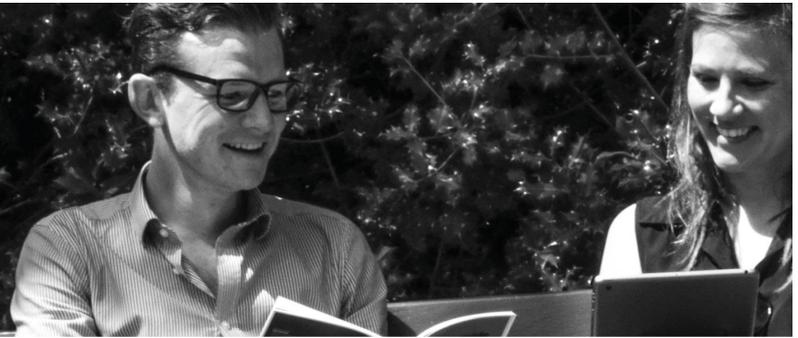
Title	Participation as Faith Formation	Room	C
Speaker	Lorraine Darlow: Lorraine is on the staff team of St Silas' Church in Glasgow and heads up their work with children and families. She is married to Darren, also a minister, and they have four daughters and one son, so life never has a dull moment!		
Blurb	In the gospels, we see how Jesus points to children as examples of God's kingdom reign and his counter-cultural affirmation of children was not only significant then but challenges us today. Through baptism, we welcome children as members of our faith community, but how do we enable children as full contributors in the life of the church? What is to be gained through their participation in the church's worship? How might this shape our efforts in nurturing children as disciples and support them as missional partners?		
Title	What's on their mind	Room	D
Speaker	Stewart Cutler: Stewart, with a background in Community Education and a Masters in Social Research, has 25 years of experience working with children, young people and volunteers around Scotland. He's a coffee drinking, worship leading, runner who is married to a mental health nurse. He finds that helps.		
Blurb	<p>Mental Health.</p> <p>We all have it.</p> <p>So, why do children and young people continue to struggle with it? Why is there still stigma surrounding the issue? What can church do to help?</p> <p>As well as fun, laughter and good times, all of us, no matter what age, face stress, pressures and hard times. So, what does 'wellness' really mean? How can we help children and young people stay well and support them if they become unwell? And what is 'recovery'?</p> <p>We'll explore how making some small changes can make a big difference our work with children and young people.</p>		



Workshops Session 2: Sat 4.30pm

Title	Developing the next generation	Room	E
Speaker	<p>Charlie Morris & Paula Morton: Paula and Charlie are part of the Urban Saints Scotland team and are currently working with over 70 churches in Scotland, helping youth teams to deliver great youth and children's work. As well as running events, training and travelling all over Scotland, both Paula and Charlie are great coffee drinkers!</p>		
Blurb	<p>Our children and young people are the next generation of the church. As a leader do you need help to develop them into leaders? We will explore how we can be deliberately making disciples and investing in our young people, encouraging them in their faith and their God-given talents. This practical session will give you tools and resources to develop accountable relationships with young people seeking to honour God in their lives.</p>		
Title	Sticky Faith	Room	F
Speaker	<p>Suzi Farrant: Suzi is the Young People & Young Adults Development Worker for the Mission & Discipleship Council. She has over 20 years' experience of ministry with children and young people (she started young!) in places as diverse as London, Southampton, Brazil, Taiwan, Glasgow, Linlithgow and Dunfermline.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Statistics about young people in the church today are alarming: our youth groups are often declining and those in their 20s/30s are all but missing from our congregations. How can we minister to children/young people in a way that is going to lead them to an authentic faith that lasts? Come and join the conversation as we explore some practical ideas on recent research from the Fuller Youth Institute.</p>		

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Workshops Session 3: Sat 7.30pm

<i>The family of God reaching out</i>			
Title	Go For It: Funding Change in Church and Community	Room	A
Speaker	<p>Shirley Grieve: Shirley is Manager of the Go For It Fund and a Trustee of the Voluntary Action Fund. She has 30 years' experience of developing and managing projects within the voluntary sector. Shirley is convinced that making connections and building relationships are the key components of a project's success and sustainability.</p> <p>Catherine McIntosh: Catherine has worked for the Church of Scotland for seven years, being appointed as Go For It Training and Development Officer in 2012. She is responsible for an annual programme of learning events, to support funded projects and prospective applicants.</p>	 	
Blurb	<p>The Go For It Fund has £900,000 a year to distribute to projects meeting our criteria. Come and play the Go For It Game to understand more about the work we fund. You'll learn about the range of Grants available for church and community projects and receive insights into successful applications. There will also be plenty of opportunity to get into discussion and network!</p> <p>If you don't manage to our Seminar, drop by the Go For It Stall at any point on Saturday, when Shirley and Catherine will be happy to answer any questions.</p>		
Title	"Holiday Club – the 2% Solution?"	Room	B
Speaker	<p>Cara Wightman & Dougie Paton: Cara is the senior development worker for Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership (CYMP). CYMP is a charity set up in 2007 by three local churches to provide children and youth work. She is married to Mark and they have a daughter called Esther. They live in the Merrylee scheme in Cathcart.</p>		
Blurb	<p>A Holiday Club is a great mission opportunity and offers an exciting time for team members of all ages and stages to grow in faith, fellowship and service! But what about the other 51 weeks (98%) of the year? Surely there is more to do than simply recover from the last one and get ready for next year? We don't have all the answers but in this seminar we'll explore together some suggestions for keeping the mission momentum going in your community all year round, and making sure your helper team keeps growing in every sense.</p>		



Workshops Session 3: Sat 7.30pm

Title	Prayer spaces in schools	Room	C
Speaker	<p>Debbie Meehan: Debbie lives in Ayr with her husband, Steve, and has three grown-up sons. She is a secondary-school Maths teacher (the best subject!) and she leads the Prayer Spaces in Schools Scotland team. Debbie loves laughing, blethering with friends over coffee, trig identities and avoiding housework.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Since 2008, more than 900 prayer spaces have taken place in primary and secondary schools around the UK and internationally. This seminar is for anyone wanting to know more about hosting a prayer space. It will include practical how-to-get-started training, stories from local and national prayer spaces and plenty of time for questions with some example prayer activities to try out.</p>		
Title	Church and Society: Skill Up, Speak Out	Room	D
Speaker	<p>Fiona Buchanan: Fiona is Local Involvement Officer for the Church and Society Council, which involves engaging with communities on a range of social and political issues. She also works with Young Scot, the national charity for young people, on a project that encourages financial education in relation to issues of debt and poverty for young people. She is an elder and Director of Music at Carrick Knowe Church, Corstorphine.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Food poverty, welfare reform, the digital divide, tax, climate change, gender based violence - how can we engage young people in our congregations and communities with current social and political issues? If you are looking for support in terms of how to campaign effectively, tools and resources for addressing key issues, and techniques for enabling others to become passionate about our work then come along and learn more.</p>		



Workshops Session 3: Sat 7.30pm

Title	Working Together – Building Communities: Inspirational and Aspirational Thinking	Room	E
Speaker	<p>Tanya Anderson: Tanya graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science from the University of Birmingham in 1996. She started her career in marketing in 1997 and realising her passion for creativity and design she qualified in CIM Marketing to progress her career. Tanya moved from London to Edinburgh in 2007 and has worked within Children and Family Services for the last seven years. Outside of being a mum, a marketer and a writer, Tanya is a keen sports person, taking part in marathons and triathlons and raising money for charities.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Working Together – Building Communities was initiated by CrossReach ConneXions to consult with churches, service users and the general public, to share information and create excellent care for children and families across Scotland. Working in teams, participants will be encouraged to put their ‘Thinking Hats’ on to conjure up innovative ideas that they aspire to achieve within their communities. ConneXions is funded by the Scottish Government and is committed to embedding the Scottish strategy of “Getting It Right For Every Child”.</p>		
Title	Getting away from it all	Room	F
Speaker	<p>Jen Robertson: Jen is the church/school youth development worker with Hamilton Presbytery and Scripture Union Scotland. Her role is to support congregations across Lanarkshire as they find the right shape and style for their youth and children’s ministries. Jen has many years’ experience of creating and leading quality residential events for children and young people. She is married and has two adult children.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Retreats have been a part of Christian tradition for hundreds of years, providing space for reflection and an opportunity for a deeper level of community .Christian holidays for young people can provide this kind of experience in our contemporary setting. This seminar will consider the practicalities and benefits of running and being a part of a residential event. There will be plenty of chance for chat and discussion, and the aim will be for you to return home realistically considering taking on this challenging, but deeply worthwhile, experience.</p>		



Workshops Session 4: Sun 11.30am

<i>Worship in the family of God</i>			
Title	Creative Prayer - why is it important in our teams and with our children and young people and some creative ideas.	Room	A
Speaker	Richard Knott: Richard is Divisional Children's Officer with The Salvation Army for West Scotland, he is convenor for ACTS Scottish Churches Children's Group, volunteers as Messy Church Coordinator for Glasgow and Ayrshire, is part of Godly Play Scotland planning group and part of the team for a prayer event for families "PrayAnyWay".		
Blurb	<p>Why it's important in our teams and with our children and young people and some creative ideas. This workshop will explore the topic of prayer and why this is crucial in building and sustaining a fruitful ministry with children and young people. We will also explore praying creatively with all ages in ways that help us engage with our Father God. The ideas will be usable in large church services, messy churches, children's groups and at home. There will be opportunity to share both the frustrations or challenges and the ideas that have worked for you as we learn together.</p>		
Title	Spiritual Styles	Room	B
Speaker	Darren Philip: Darren Philip, an escapee mathematician, is Youth & Children's Worker at Livingston United Parish Church and writes worship and learning resources for use with children and all ages together.		
Blurb	<p>In what ways do you connect with God? For some people, the words of a hymn or prayer might draw them near, while others might see God in the beauty of nature. Some people get close to God by raising funds for charity, while others might find God in dance or drama.</p> <p>In this practical seminar, we explore four distinct styles in which people encounter God, how these develop as we grow and how our own preferences impact on what we prepare for others and then use this to plan a session for children, young people or all ages together.</p>		



Workshops Session 4: Sun 11.30am

Title	A taste of Godly Play	Room	C
Speaker	<p>Alex Mackenzie: Alex has been using Godly Play with children in her church for seven years. She is interested in working with teenagers and older people. She is part of Godly Play Scotland, which set helped to set up with Margaret Grant, in 2010. Alex is an accredited Godly Play Trainer.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Godly Play is about children – and adults - discovering God for themselves. Godly Play is unlike any other approach to Christian education and while we can tell you about the circle of children, about the special materials used to tell the story, the wondering, the reflection and response and, of course, the feast, but its really better to see for yourself. This session will give you a taste of what happens in Godly Play and how it works.</p>		
Title	Fresh Expressions of Church	Room	D
Speaker	<p>David McCarthy: David was born in N. Ireland and is married with three daughters and three grandchildren. He has worked with Presbyterian Churches in Belfast and in church planting in Spain and Greenock (East End NCD). He has also worked with UCCF and Evangelical Alliance and from February 2014 works as the Church of Scotland Fresh Expressions Development Worker.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Something old, something new, something borrowed ... what exactly is a fresh expression of church? Is it different from creative and innovative mission? What might it look like in my back yard? How do I begin? These are the questions we'll kick off with as we have an honest, no-holds-barred engagement with the adventure of Fresh Expressions!</p>		



Workshops Session 4: Sun 11.30am

Title	Songs that work in school, church and Messy Church	Room	E
Speaker	<p>Stephen Fischbacher: Stephen is proud of his Glasgow roots but has been living in Edinburgh for the last 30 years. He started Fischy Music in 1998 with the conviction that he still holds that songs and music can be powerful resources to support emotional, social and spiritual well-being in children and adults.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Lots of singing of Fischy songs old and new and reflecting on the power of song to bring good things to lives young and old. You don't have to be a keen musician or singer to get something out of this workshop.</p>		
Title	Youth Music Development – Exploring Opportunity	Room	F
Speaker	<p>Phill Mellstrom: Phill is M&Ds new Worship Development Worker based at 121. A professional musician by trade, he has been involved in leading and developing worship throughout Scotland for many years. His role is to stimulate the development of the worship life of the Church of Scotland at all levels of church life.</p>		
Blurb	<p>Trying to make a 'model' work or recreate what has worked elsewhere is not the best way of engaging your young folk in worship. We will ask some key questions that will help you find the answers in creating the right way for your young people to explore music and worship together.</p>		

HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. KEEP THESE WORDS THAT I AM COMMANDING YOU TODAY IN YOUR HEART. RECITE THEM TO YOUR CHILDREN AND TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE AWAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU RISE. BIND THEM AS A SIGN ON YOUR HAND, FIX THEM AS AN EMBLEM ON YOUR FOREHEAD, AND WRITE THEM ON THE DOORPOSTS OF YOUR HOUSE AND ON YOUR GATES.



Resource Area

Opening times - Sat only

12.45-2pm | 4-4.30pm | 5.30-7.30pm | 9.30-10.30pm

Exhibitors

There is a chance to meet people from a variety of organisations and hear what they have to offer to help you in your ministry.

Leaflets/resources

There are leaflets/resources from a variety of organisations that you can have a look at and take away with you.

Shop

There will be a shop where you are able to purchase a selection of resources produced by the Mission & Discipleship Council. No cash is needed as it will operate with invoices (we will invoice you or your church for what you buy).

Resources to browse

There will be an area with a variety of books to get you thinking and some tried and tested resources for you to look at. Unfortunately these will not be for sale but you can take a note of things you like and purchase them from your supplier of choice after the weekend.



Resource Area

Exhibitors

In the resource area on Sat there is a chance to meet people from the following organisations and hear what they have to offer to help you in your ministry.

	<p>We are a movement of young people and students who believe that the world doesn't have to be the way it is. We're not content to tiptoe through life. We want to shout out against injustice and challenge the systems that keep people poor. We want to run towards a new world- a better world. To be love in action. Together we can be the generation that ends poverty. Together we are Collective</p>
	<p>Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family relationships and to help those who face family difficulties. Our work is motivated by Christian compassion and our resources and support are available to everyone, of any faith or none. We are passionate about enriching family life through our events, courses and resources and helping families to look at new ways of 'doing life' together!</p>
	<p>The Boys' Brigade is the oldest of the voluntary uniformed organisations having been founded in Glasgow in 1883. The Brigade has 430 companies in Scotland with a total membership of around 20,000 Boys supported by 3,500. We would like to partner with your church to help promote the Christian message to more young people across the country.</p>
	<p>In Scotland since 1927 Urban Saints (formerly known as Crusaders) has been reaching out to children and young people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Urban Saints is playing a vital role in supporting and enabling churches to reach out to their communities through great youth and children's work. We believe we can make a difference by mobilising an army of volunteers to see every young person in our nation valued, loved, encouraged and presented with the news of Jesus' love.</p>



Resource Area

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Rhythms

Rhythms is a new initiative from Tearfund's youth team to help you and your young people live different. Rhythms is an app and an online community where you can find a stack of ideas and inspirations to help you and your group as you seek to follow Jesus & love justice.



Scripture Union Scotland are a Christian charity working in partnership with local churches. Our vision is to see the children and young people of Scotland exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus. More than 2,000 volunteers, together with around 100 staff and associate workers are involved in helping to run our activities across our 5 main streams of work: schools, residential opportunities, missions, on-line discipleship and training & equipping.

Through SU Holidays we believe passionately in working with churches and youth workers to help create opportunities for children and young people to make new friends, explore the Bible and grow in their faith whilst enjoying an action-packed week of adventure with other young people from across the country. Each year we run around 50 holidays across Scotland at our own Outdoor Activity Centres at Lendrick Muir and Alltnacriche as well as many other locations throughout the country during the Easter, Summer and October breaks. Come and speak to us to find out what SU Holidays can do for you and your work with young people!



Volunteering Vocations is the new gap year programme from the Church of Scotland. Living in community with other volunteers, you will spend 10 months participating in a wide range of tasks in a supported and reflective environment, for example:

- Arts, music and drama projects
- Work within children's and youth ministries
- Family support projects
- Work with pastoral care teams
- Caring for the environment



Resource Area



Fusion is fuelling the fires of a national student movement through:

- Equipping Students—Inspiring evangelism, resourcing discipleship and preparing new students for university
- Serving Churches—Connecting students to church, catalysing mission and strengthening church-based student work
- Developing Student Workers—Training, resourcing and encouraging all those in student ministry



Go For It is about funding change in church and community. The Fund aims to encourage creative ways of working which develop the life and mission of the local church and are transformative for both communities and congregations. The focus is very much on 'the local' and any application must be able to demonstrate clearly its association with at least one Church of Scotland congregation. Part of a successful application to Go For It will be the demonstration of a commitment to good partnership working. Drop by the Go For It Stall, when we will be happy to chat through your project ideas and answer questions about the Fund.



Youth for Christ (YFC) is a national Christian charity that was founded by Billy Graham in 1946. Working with over 250,000 young people each month, we draw alongside teens from every background and culture in Britain. Our 400+ full-time staff and countless local volunteers specialise in working with unchurched youth: communicating and demonstrating the Christian faith.

www.yfcresources.co.uk (main YFC website – www.yfc.co.uk)



CEAS is an inter-denominational trust which supports and encourages practitioners working in Christian Education and children's ministry in Scotland. Formerly the Scottish Sunday School Union for Christian Education, we have representatives of major denominations in Scotland, links to practitioners across the UK and Europe and can put you in touch with people who can resource, encourage and challenge you to grow in ministry with children and young people.

We've produced over seventy short sharing practice video clips which are freely available on our website and Youtube channel and which highlight different approaches to children's ministry in varied settings across Scotland.

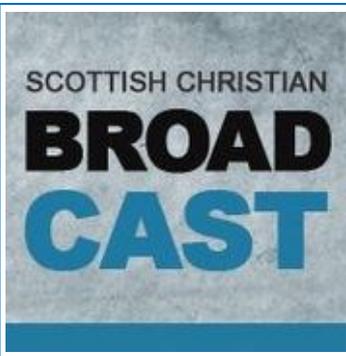
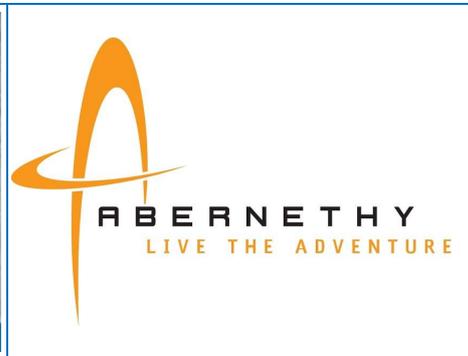
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Leaflets/resources

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 <p>Open Doors Serving persecuted Christians worldwide</p>		
		



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The Church of Scotland

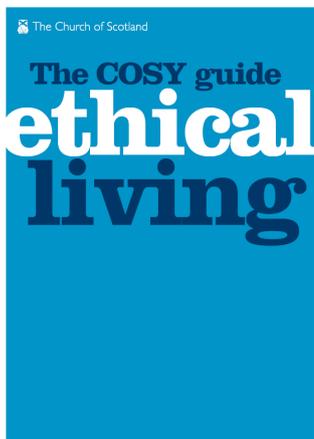




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Shop

In the resource area you will be able to purchase a selection of resources produced by the Mission & Discipleship Council.



The COSY guide to ethical living was written by a group of young adults to help others consider how to live more ethically. The idea for the guide came about when the 2012 National Youth Assembly was thinking about the problem of tax dodging. In discussions that followed, delegates expressed a desire to live more ethically but felt they needed more information on how to do this and so the “COSY Guide” was commissioned. Written by NYA delegates the guide is easy to read with each topic broken down into manageable chunks, each with some information and ideas for action.

£3 per copy



Based on the declaration and affirmation that every elder takes, this invaluable resource provides new and existing elders with a diverse range of articles by leading figures in the Church of Scotland. They take you through all of the key components of eldership, providing fresh insight into each of the elements of the elder’s commitment.

Highly accessible, beautifully designed and with a strong contemporary perspective, the range of 36 contributors includes the Right Rev John Chalmers, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Laurence Wareing; John Swinton, Paul Nimmo and many others.

The 36 topics covered include pastoral care, reformed theology, making hospital visits, understanding the role of the Bible in the Church of Scotland, public worship and sacraments. Each topic includes an article, questions for discussion, suggestions for further reading and a ‘why not try...?’ suggestion for deepening your engagement with the topic.

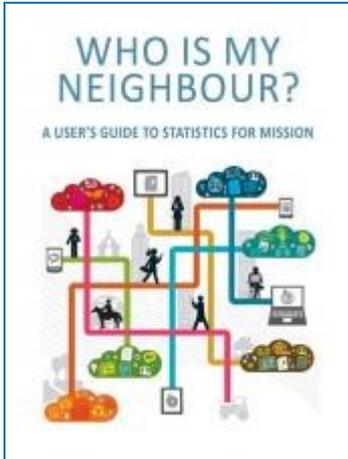
Special conference prices: 45% off when you order 20 or more - £5.50 each

35% off when you order 10 or more - £6.50 each

30% off when you order single units - £7.00 each



Resource Area



"Who is my neighbour? A user's guide to Statistics for Mission" has been produced to help your Church understand your own community better by getting the best out of your Parish Profile. The more we understand our parishes – those that live in them and their needs – the more we can serve God in being effective in mission.

£7.50 per copy



An attractive collection of high quality cards featuring a range of blessings inspired from scripture, for churches and individuals to give away free to others. The aim of the cards is to encourage and bless the recipient, and to encourage them to pray for, and bless, someone else in turn. They are ideal for use in outreach, pastoral care and personal contexts.

There are boxes of 160 cards which feature an assortment of 8 different designs and come in a free storage box. These are priced at **£10**.

For those who have previously ordered the cards, there are refill packs of 80 cards provided in a spine bag at a cost of **£5**.



Over recent years dozens of new models of church have emerged in Scotland, and Seeds and Roots, produced in 2009, is the story of seven of them which have been supported over recent years by the Mission & Discipleship and Ministries Councils of the Church of Scotland.

Most of these experiments, as you will see, are not quite what we generally recognise as church yet and they would be the first to say they do not have all the answers, but the missional instinct of these pioneers is driving them on to plant new expressions of church in areas and among networks not presently being reached by our churches.

You can use this resource in a variety of ways: with discussion starters included, it can be used with a Kirk Session, Bible Study Group or other small groups to see if they might feel called to consider a new expression of church where you are.

£5 per Dvd

FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. FOR IN THE ONE SPIRIT WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY—JEWES OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE—AND WE WERE ALL MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT.

INDEED, THE BODY DOES NOT CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER BUT OF MANY. IF THE FOOT WOULD SAY, “BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY,” THAT WOULD NOT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY. AND IF THE EAR WOULD SAY, “BECAUSE I AM NOT AN EYE, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY,” THAT WOULD NOT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY. IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, WHERE WOULD THE HEARING BE? IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE HEARING, WHERE WOULD THE SENSE OF SMELL BE? BUT AS IT IS, GOD ARRANGED THE MEMBERS IN THE BODY, EACH ONE OF THEM, AS HE CHOSE. IF ALL WERE A SINGLE MEMBER, WHERE WOULD THE BODY BE? AS IT IS, THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS, YET ONE BODY.

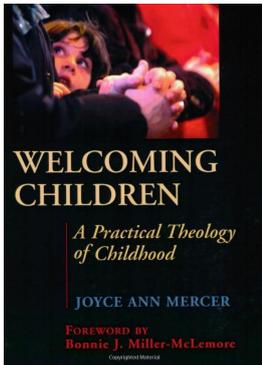
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Suggested reading

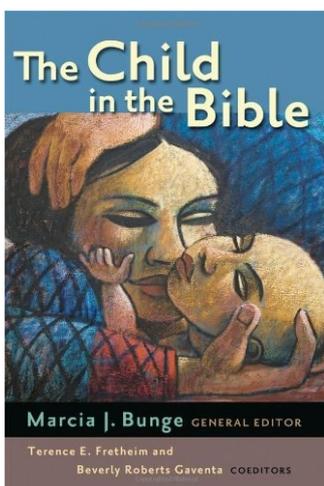
Below is a list of books that we recommend to help you explore some of the themes covered at the conference further.

Children's ministry books



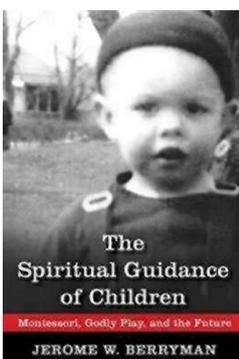
Welcoming Children: A Practical Theology of Childhood – Joyce Ann Mercer

Welcoming Children develops a theology of childhood both from a theological perspective and from practical experience in children and youth ministry. The author draws insights from classic and modern feminist theologians, pastoral theologians, and contemporary cultural criticism to offer strategies for educational and liturgical practices in congregations that welcome children and contribute to their flourishing.



The Child in the Bible—Edited by Marcia J Bunge

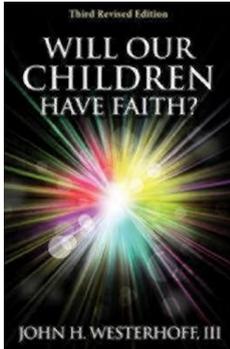
In this volume nineteen biblical scholars collaborate to provide an informed and focused treatment of biblical perspectives on children and childhood. Looking at the Bible through the "lens" of the child exposes new aspects of biblical texts and themes. Some of the authors focus on selected biblical texts - - Genesis, Proverbs, Mark, and more -- while others examine such biblical themes as training and disciplining, children and the image of God, the metaphor of Israel as a child, and so on. In discussing a vast array of themes and questions, the chapters also invite readers to reconsider the roles that children can or should play in religious communities today



The Spiritual Guidance of Children – Jerome W. Berryman

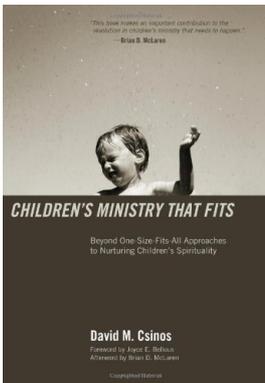
This new book is an important history-of-traditions work in which Godly Play founder Jerome Berryman revisions religious education as spiritual guidance and traces the history of Montessori religious education through four generations. Berryman then highlights the development of the Godly Play approach to spiritual guidance within this context and concludes with thoughts about the fifth generation and the future of the tradition.

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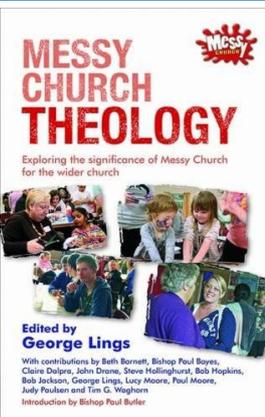
Will Our Children Have Faith? – John H. Westerhoff III

Will Our Children Have Faith?: Third Revised Edition by John H. Westerhoff III is a classic book about how the church is - and should be - engaged in Christian education at all age levels. With a study guide, this book may be helpful for Christian Ed committees.



Children's Ministry that Fits – David M. Csinos

Children's Ministry that Fits blends insightful research, relevant theory, and practical ministry into a guidebook for discovering and understanding children's spiritual styles. David M. Csinos offers practical wisdom that will help ministers, worship leaders, parents, and children's workers to move beyond one-size-fits-all approaches to children's ministry and begin nurturing the spiritual lives of children in welcoming and inclusive environments.



Messy Church Theology: Exploring the significance of Messy Church for the wider church – Edited by George Lings

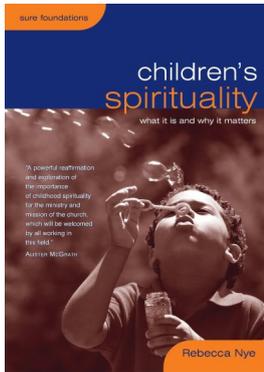
This is an exploration of Messy Church and its theological significance for the wider church. Messy Church Theology brings together essays and case studies from a wide range of contributors examining the growth of Messy Church and discussing questions of sustainability, discipleship, all-age church, sacramental, interdenominational, ecumenical and international possibilities, and the future of Messy Church.



Through the eyes of a child: New insights in theology from a child's perspective – Edited by Anne Richards and Peter Privett

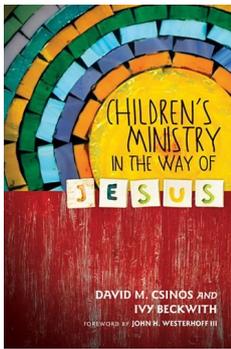
A consideration of key theological themes from one of the most neglected of perspectives - that of children. Honouring Jesus' command to place the child at the centre, theologians, psychologists and educationalists take us from our comfort zones to look afresh at some of the most grave, difficult and beautiful topics in Christian theology. Challenging conventional readings of theology, this will fascinate and challenge anyone who cares about children and their place in the church.

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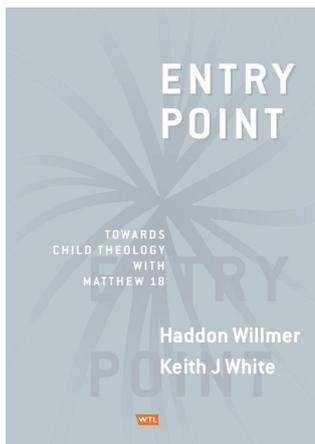
Children's Spirituality – Rebecca Nye

This concise guide is an ideal introduction to the increasingly popular topic of children's spirituality. Mixing theory with tips on 'good practice', leading expert Rebecca Nye shows how choices made in churches and homes can stimulate or stifle a child's spiritual development, exploring: Childhood as a natural source of spirituality Ways to help children value and express their spirituality The role of Christian nurture and worship in early spiritual development.



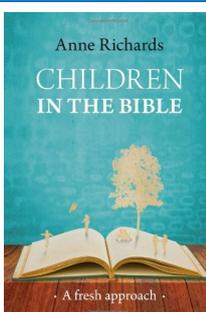
Children's Ministry in the way of Jesus – David M. Csinos and Ivy Beckwith

Attract kids to church, the logic often goes, and you get parents in the pews. All that's left, then, is to get kids out of the way. Not so, say David Csinos and Ivy Beckwith. In Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus they draw on research in human development and spiritual formation to show how children become disciples and churches become centres of lifelong discipleship



Entry Point: Towards Child Theology with Matthew 18 – Haddon Willmer and Keith J White

In June 2002 a group of Christians met in Penang, Malaysia to explore what was meant by "Child Theology". One of the outcomes was the request for a book on the subject. Entry Point is the book! It is not an attempt to define the shape and content of Child Theology, but rather a record of a pioneering trip into largely uncharted territory which invites readers to explore what it might mean to receive this child as: • a challenge to radical conversion, • a clue to the truth about the kingdom of God, • a reminder that following Jesus into the kingdom means denying self and taking up the cross, • an encouragement to live in the resilience of resurrection, • a helper in making universal community with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Children in the Bible – Anne Richards

Interweaving analysis with stories about contemporary children and childhood, Anne also touches on issues such as infertility, consumerism and neglect. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and a suggested activity, making the book ideal for individual or group study.

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Youth ministry books

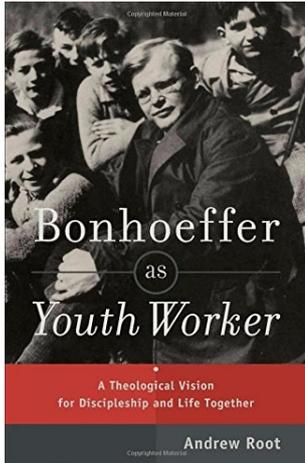
	<p>Getting Fired for the Glory of God – Mike Yaconelli</p> <p>Like the prophets of old, Mike was a blend of the sacred and the profane, the outspoken and the insecure, the gentle lamb and the roaring lion. This paradox lives on in his writing and in his recorded words. In Mike Yaconelli you'll discover a bold, passionate, and ultimately prophetic voice reminding us to stay focused on Jesus, to hold life lightly, to walk together as we love kids, and to devote ourselves to an outrageously gracious God who loves our souls into being.</p>
	<p>The faith of Generation Y – Sylvia Collins-Mayo, Bob Mayo, Sally Nash</p> <p>Generation Y (those born after 1982) growing up in Britain has had less contact with the Church than any previous generation in living memory. So what interest do young people have in Christianity? How do social influences inform their Christian consciousness? Does belief in God make any difference to them? These are pressing questions for the Church. Using sociological and theological approaches, the authors shed light on these questions.</p>
	<p>Inside the Mind of Youth Pastors – Mark Riddle</p> <p>Some of the most important steps in building a sustainable youth ministry happen even before you begin looking for a youth worker. And once you have a person in place, there are several key things you can do to help develop a healthy youth ministry that includes encouraging your youth worker, engaging teens, and involving parents. This practical book for church leaders will help you think through the issues.</p>
	<p>Before you hire a Youth Pastor – Mark Devries and Jeff Dunn-Rankin</p> <p>This book delivers advice and strategies on topics such as preparing for an exceptional search, screening and researching candidates, building and structuring your search team, conducting effective interviews, communicating proactively and setting up your new youth worker to succeed.</p>

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	<p>Youth Ministry: A Multi-faceted Approach – Edited by Sally Nash</p> <p>This book explores youth ministry by looking at a range of metaphors for the youth worker, such as 'flawed hero', 'visionary architect', 'party planner' and 'guardian of souls'. Each chapter takes a metaphor and offers theological reflection, explains the relevant theory and the necessary skills, uses real-life stories from practitioners to bring the metaphor to life, summarizes the key principles and values, gives questions for reflection and makes suggestions for further reading.</p>
	<p>Sustainable Youth Ministry – Mark DeVries</p> <p>Based on his own experience as a youth minister and on his work with churches in crisis, Mark DeVries pinpoints problems that cause division and burnout. He then provides the practical tools and structures needed to lay a strong foundation for ministry - one that isn't built solely on a youth worker.</p>
	<p>Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry – Andrew Root</p> <p>Andrew Root reviews the history of relational/incarnational youth ministry in American evangelicalism and recasts the practice as one of 'place-sharing', not so much 'earning the right to be heard' as honouring the human dignity of youth and locating God in their midst.</p>
	<p>Mend the Gap – Jason Gardner</p> <p>As society alters beyond recognition, the gap between young and old threatens to become a deep fracture in the heart of families, communities - and churches. Urgent surgery is required to mend the gap. Resisting simplistic solutions, Jason Gardner deftly analyses the reasons for the growing generation gap, including the role of the church. He provides practical steps forward for church leaders, youthworkers and parents.</p>
	<p>Sticky Faith: Youth Worker Edition – Dr Kara E. Powell</p> <p>In Sticky Faith, the FYI research team presents youth workers with both a theological and philosophical framework as well as relationship and programming ideas to develop faith that lasts well beyond the youth group.</p>

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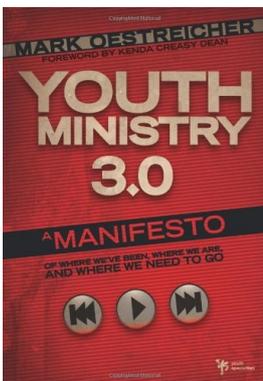
Bonhoeffer as Youth Worker: A Theological Vision for Discipleship and Life Together—Andrew Root

The youth ministry focus of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's life is often forgotten or overlooked, even though he did much work with young people and wrote a number of papers, sermons, and addresses about or for the youth of the church. However, youth ministry expert Andrew Root explains that this focus is central to Bonhoeffer's story and thought. Root presents Bonhoeffer as the forefather and model of the growing theological turn in youth ministry. By linking contemporary youth workers with this epic theologian, the author shows the depth of youth ministry work and underscores its importance in the church. He also shows how Bonhoeffer's life and thought impact present-day youth ministry practice.



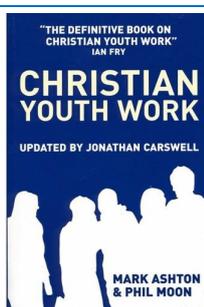
Youth Ministry Management Tools 2.0—Mike Work and Ginny Olson

Youth Ministry Management Tools 2.0 provides youth ministers and volunteers with helpful insights, advice, and practical resources to successfully manage a youth ministry. You'll find sample budgets, release forms for trips, and clear direction for screening applicants for volunteer positions. Authors Mike Work and Ginny Olson provide you with quick and accessible answers to all of your management, administrative, and supervisory questions and needs



Youth Ministry 3.0: A Manifesto of Where We've Been, Where We Are and Where We Need to Go—Mark Oestreicher

In "Youth Ministry 3.0", readers will explore why we need change in youth ministry, from a ministry moving away from a dependence on programs, to one that is focused on communion and mission. They'll get a quick history of youth ministry over the last fifty years. And they'll help dream about what changes need to take place in order to create the next phase of youth ministry - the future that needs to be created for effective ministry to young people



Christian Youth Work—Mark Ashton, Phil Moon and Jonathan Carswell

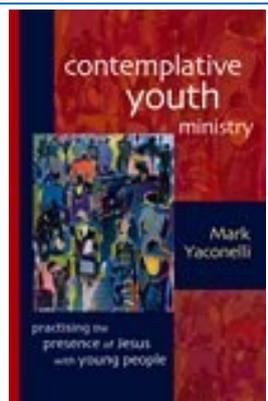
Stats are clear: 1,000 teenagers a week are leaving the church, and support among young people is decaying fast. For every church that has a flourishing youth group, there are three more that have none. This book outlines a strategy for youth work that is both radical and biblical.

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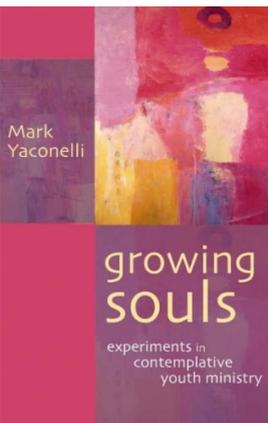
Christian Youth Work in Theory and Practice—Edited by Sally Nash and Jo Whitehead

This book provides a comprehensive overview of Christian youth work, drawing together practice, theory and theology in a format which is both engaging and informative. It brings together key youth ministry thinkers and grass-roots practitioners to explore significant themes and issues. Each of the sixteen chapters is followed by a response written from a different perspective, modelling reflective practice and theological reflection.



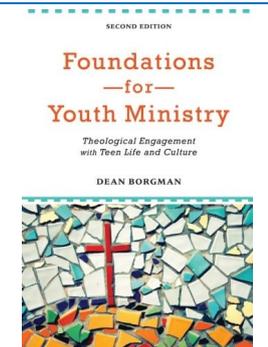
Contemplative Youth Ministry: Practicing the Presence of Jesus with Young People—Mark Yaconelli

Mark Yaconelli is co-director of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project, which over the last 8 years has gathered together churches and youth ministers from across North America to explore contemplative prayer, discernment, spiritual direction, covenant community, spiritual practice and Sabbath-living as a way of resourcing ministries with youth. This book offers some of the experience, teaching, praying and thinking behind the project.



Growing Souls: Experiments in Contemplative Youth Ministry—Mark Yaconelli

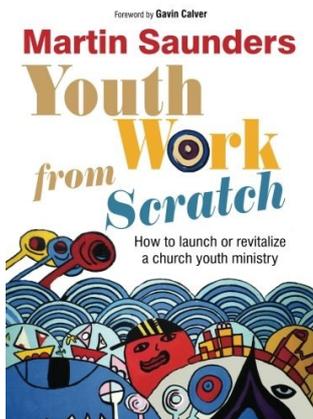
In Contemplative Youth Ministry Mark Yaconelli presented his own understanding and experience of an approach that addresses the spiritual longings of youth and youth ministers. Growing Souls is an attempt to deepen and expand the conversation regarding contemplative youth ministry by presenting the work of the youth ministry and spirituality project and giving voice to the scholars, youth workers, pastors, and youth who shared in its work.



Foundations for Youth Ministry: Theological Engagement With Teen Life And Culture—Dean Borgman

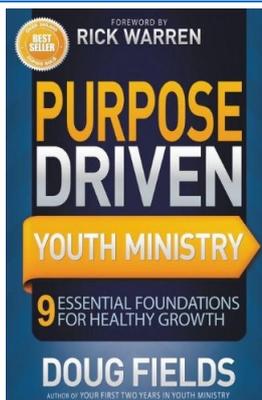
Dean Borgman, offers a new edition of his influential classic. Reaching a broadly ecumenical audience, this book challenges readers to think about the theological nature of youth ministry. Questions for discussion and reflection are included. This thoroughly updated edition was previously published as When Kumbaya Is Not Enough.

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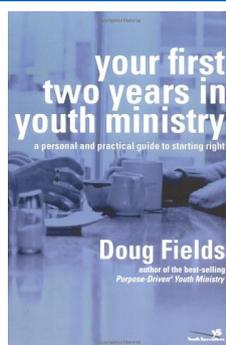
Youth Work From Scratch: How To Launch Or Revitalize A Church Youth Ministry—Martin Saunders

With case studies and principles which address both new projects and those which require a 'jumpstart', plus specific chapters which look at how to regenerate an old project, Martin Saunders applies his considerable experience to help. He addresses a host of 'big picture' issues such as: envisioning your church; recruiting and training volunteers and different models of youth ministry as well as spiritual ones such as adopting strong spiritual disciplines and soliciting prayer support.



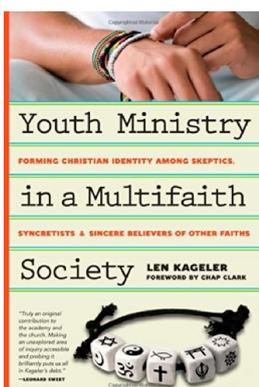
Purpose Driven Youth Ministry—Doug Fields

Balancing both theory and practice this book will help you develop a ministry that equips young people rather than a ministry that coordinates events. "My goal for this book is to coach you through a plan to build a healthy youth ministry that isn't dependent on one great youth leader and won't be destroyed when they leave. It's not a book on how to grow your youth ministry with six easy steps; it's about identifying, establishing, and building health into your church's youth ministry."



Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry: A Personal and Practical Guide to Starting Right—Doug Fields

This book addresses twelve valuable steps that will help readers take the first steps as they begin their ministry. An invaluable resource for anyone in youth ministry and ideal for first-timers, veterans, or college students in youth ministry.



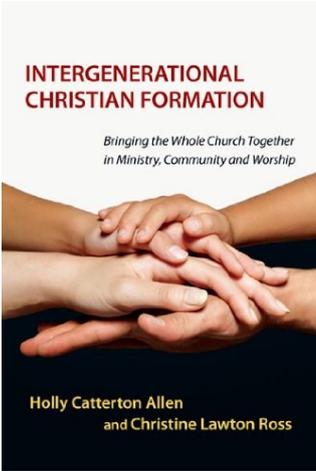
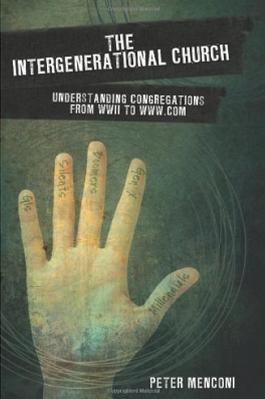
Youth Ministry in a Multifaith Society—Len Kageler

How do we ground our young people in the faith while encouraging their relationships with friends of other faiths? Veteran youth minister and researcher Len Kageler digs into the data surrounding this exciting multifaith era and offers surprising confidence that our kids can be guided into mature Christian faith while simultaneously learning to love their neighbors of other religions.

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Intergenerational ministry books

 <p>INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION <i>Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community and Worship</i> Holly Catterton Allen and Christine Lawton Ross</p>	<p>Intergenerational Christian Formation: bringing the whole church together in ministry, community and worship—Holly Catterton Allen and Christine Lawton Ross</p> <p>In this comprehensive text, Holly Allen and Christine Ross offer a complete framework for intentional intergenerational Christian formation. They provide the theoretical foundations for intergenerationality, showing how learning and spiritual formation are better accomplished through intergenerational contexts. The authors give concrete guidance for how worship, community and service can all be achieved intergenerationally. Case studies of intergenerational congregations provide models for how local churches can create a culture of intergenerationality.</p>
 <p>THE INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH UNDERSTANDING CONGREGATIONS FROM WWII TO WWW.COM PETER MENCONI</p>	<p>The intergenerational Church—Peter Menconi</p> <p>In <i>The Intergenerational Church</i>, Peter Menconi shows you why understanding today's generations is crucial for the survival and thrival of the local church. But understanding the generations is not enough. In this book you will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minimize generational tension.- Get all the generations moving in the same direction.- Develop leaders from all generations.- Deliver intergenerational preaching.- Cultivate intergenerational worship and community.- Stimulate intergenerational mission and outreach.

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Romans 8:14-17



Information from around the Kirk

A selection of highlights from around the Church of Scotland.



We have set up a facebook group designed to be for those working with children, young people and young adults in the Church of Scotland, whether volunteers or paid workers, whether in local, regional or national positions. If you search for 'Now You're Talking' on facebook you should find it easily enough or you can use this link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/588801184539545/>

The group is a place to share ideas, resources, useful articles, training opportunities & events. Please do ask questions and share your thoughts as we seek to shape the churches work with children, young people and young adults together.

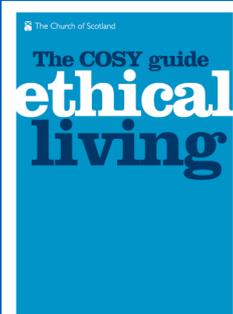


Pinterest is a way of sharing ideas with others. We have set up a 'Now You're Talking' page which has on it ideas of different resources you can use, events to go to and books to read.

It is a work in progress (not an exhaustive list) so if you have any ideas you want to share please let me know and I'll add them.

You do not need to sign up to anything to view the page so anyone can view it

<http://www.pinterest.com/nowyouretalking>.



The COSY guide to ethical living has been written by young adults connected to the National Youth Assembly to help others (primarily 14-30 year olds) understand the impact of decisions on current issues and everyday dilemmas. The aim of the guide is to rid any misconceptions and help readers come to ethically sound decisions. It is based around the story of Melissa, a fictional protagonist. Available in the shop for £3.



National Youth Assembly

Engaging young people in the decision making processes of the Kirk

Fri 14th – Mon 17th Aug 2015

Gartmore House

17-25yr olds

Details and booking available spring 2015



General Assembly Youth Reps

Engaging young people in the decision making processes of the Kirk

Fri 15th – Fri 22nd May 2015

Edinburgh

18-25 year olds

1 youth rep per presbytery

All expenses paid



Each year COSY offers several young adults the opportunity to travel overseas and represent the Church of Scotland by taking part in

events run by some of our partner churches. More information about the trips available and reports from previous participants can be found <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/learn/young-adults/international/application-form>. Both of the trips for 2015 will be fully funded and anyone interested should complete the COSY international trip nomination form (available on the resourcing mission website) and return it to sfarrant@churchpfscotland.org.uk by 8 March 2015.

I Love Taiwan Mission Camp—Taiwan

There is the opportunity for 2 young adults aged 18-26 to go to the I Love Taiwan Mission Camp in Taiwan, 30 June to 19 July 2015. We have 2 fully funded places available.

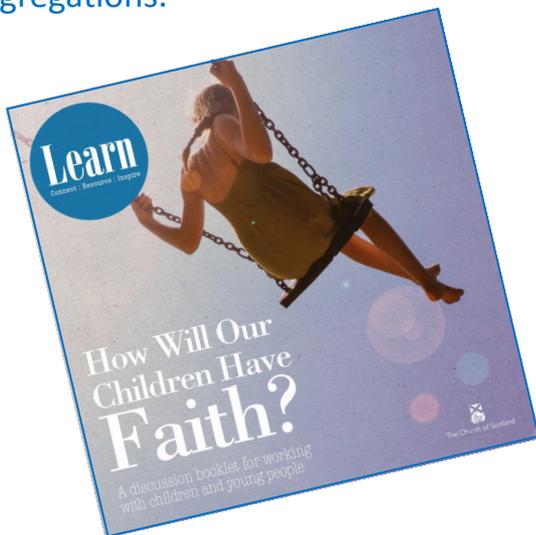
Starpoint Festival – Hungary

There is the opportunity for 2 young adults aged 18-26 to go to the Starpoint Festival in Tata, Hungary, 19 to 26 July 2015. We have 2 fully funded places available.



Learn Publications

'Learn' is a congregational learning initiative devised by the Mission & Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland. It is actively supported by all of the Church of Scotland's Councils. The 'How will our children have faith?' discussion booklet and the 'Eldership' resource forms part of a range of materials being developed to support and encourage congregations.



Planned future 'Learn' publications will include:

- New Communicants (Autumn 2015)
- Office Bearers (Spring 2016)
- Children & Young People—Participation discussion booklet (Spring 2016)
- Pastoral Care (Autumn 2016)
- Leadership (Spring 2017)
- Children & Young People—Leadership discussion booklet (Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Christian Theology (Autumn 2017)
- Children & Young People—Discipleship discussion booklet (Autumn 2017)



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LEARNING DISABILITIES CONFERENCE

Creating Communities of Belonging

An event to connect, resource and inspire those with a passion for enabling their churches to be communities where those living with learning disabilities feel that they belong

Keynote: 'What do we mean by belonging?' by Brian Brock
(from Aberdeen University, School of Divinity, History and Philosophy)

Discussion groups: 'What aspects of our church life need to be developed to create communities of belonging?'

Various seminars: exemplifying resources and examples of good practice

Next steps: delegates planning what they can do in response once back in their parish

Date: Sat. 6 June 2015 (10.30-3.30)

Venue: University of Dundee

Cost: £20

Closing date for bookings: 15 May 2015

Book online: www.churchofscotland.org.uk/learn



Resourcing Mission Website

Mission. Worship. Discipleship.

What do Session Clerks, Elders, young people, equipping for congregations for mission, Local Church Review, Fresh Expressions, Invisible Church, Statistics for Mission, Quick Guides, worship material, musical options, church art and architecture, trust funding opportunities, newsletters all have in common? www.resourcingmission.org.uk that's what!

Please visit the website for more information on all of these items and much more to see how we could help with the mission and discipleship of your congregation.

Find our resources at www.resourcingmission.org.uk



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Speak Out

Church and Society Council

The Church and Society Council's remit is to engage on behalf of the Church in the national, political and social issues affecting Scotland and the world today. This includes a huge range of issues including human rights, asylum, ethics, science and technology, concerns about gambling, climate change and education issues. It aims to do this through the development of theological, ethical and spiritual perspectives when formulating policy and by effectively representing the Church by offering appropriate and informed comments.

The council is also charged with building, establishing and maintaining a series of networks and relationships with leaders and key people in society and engaging in longer-term dialogue and the exchange of ideas with them.

The council is committed to supporting the local church in its mission and its own engagement with influence-shapers in society by providing a range of resources on a range of contemporary issues.

For details of our work and resources visit:

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/speak_out/make_a_difference_locally



Ministries Council—Go For It Fund

Go For It is about funding change in church and community. The Fund aims to encourage creative ways of working which develop the life and mission of the local church and are transformative for both communities and congregations. The focus is very much on 'the local' and any application must be able to demonstrate clearly its association with at least one Church of Scotland congregation. Part of a successful application to **Go For It** will be the demonstration of a commitment to good partnership working.

There are five criteria for funding and successful applicants will meet at least two of these:

- meeting identified needs in the community
- nurturing Christian faith within and beyond the church
- tackling poverty and/or social injustice
- developing new ecclesial/Christian communities
- creating work which is genuinely innovative and shares good practice with others

There are six types of Grants:

- Research - to help you find out more about some aspect of your project
- Pilot - to enable you to test out the viability of an idea
- Step - for situations where year by year funding would be most appropriate
- Main and Continuation - for core funding of projects
- Training - to develop the skills and knowledge of people within projects
- Help - when unforeseen circumstances create a significant opportunity or crisis

Full information and application forms are available by
email: goforit@cofscotland.org.uk
online: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/go_for_it
or by calling the **Go For It** Team: 0131 225 5722.

Go For It aims to be a supportive Funder. In addition to Grants, we provide an annual programme of free learning and training events for funded projects and potential applicants:

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/go_for_it/go_for_it_learning_and_resources

We also aim to resource projects through our monthly enews (e-mail goforit@cofscotland.org.uk to be added to our mailing list) and a weekly blog: http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/blogs/go_for_it/

Go For It Fund
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Church of Scotland HIV Programme (World Mission Council)

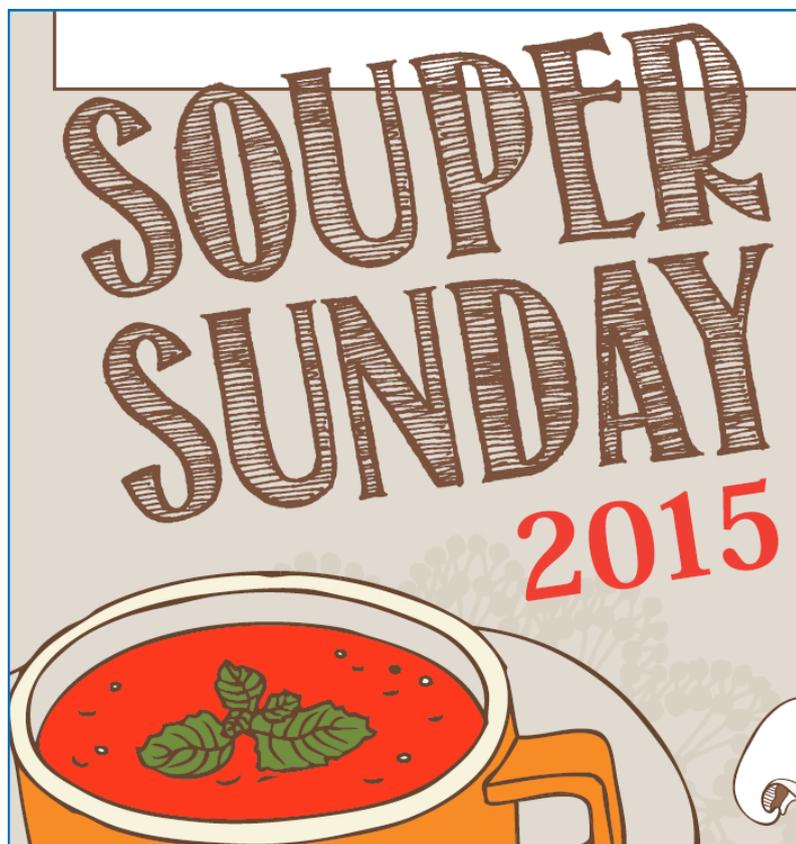
Souper Sunday

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme is currently supporting 29 projects around the world, but we need your help.

Organising a Souper Sunday means holding a service, focussing on HIV and the work of the HIV Programme, followed by a simple soup lunch, with donations invited for the HIV Programme.

We have all the resources you need – posters, complete order of service, PowerPoint presentations, special craft ideas for children, soup recipes, red ribbons, background info about HIV and the HIV Programme.

Variations on the theme have also been successful – Ice-Cream Sunday (Sundae?), cup cake Sunday, bacon roll or croissant Sunday – the possibilities are endless, but it creates a great sense of fellowship.



hiv@cofscotland.org.uk



Ministries Council

Rosie Addis

Deaf Development Worker



Do you have children or young people in your church who have a hearing loss?

Or

Would you like to use sign language in worship?

There are around 3,800 children and young people in Scotland who are deaf or hard of hearing (source: National Deaf Children's Society Scotland). Rosie Addis is employed by the Ministries Council as the Development Worker for Deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing people, and is also responsible for the Albany Deaf Church in Edinburgh. As part of her remit she is happy to advise and support congregations to make their services more 'deaf-friendly'.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/ministries_council/ministries_in_the_church/ministries_for_communities/deaf_ministry

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The Church of Scotland

Safeguarding Service

1. Introduction

Harm and abuse is rare – but it does happen, even in the Church. The Church of Scotland has safeguarding structures in place to minimise the likelihood of harm and abuse occurring to children and adults at risk; and to ensure that if it is suspected or reported a timely and appropriate response is made. All safeguarding guidance, including five Safeguarding Handbooks, are available at: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/safeguarding_service

For a quick guide to safeguarding in the Church see the credit-card-sized guide, *Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk: Key Information for Volunteers and Staff*, 2014.

2. Preventing harm or abuse

Safe recruitment: this includes PVG Scheme membership for volunteers and paid staff undertaking 'regulated work' with children and protected adults. Preventing, recognising and reporting harm/abuse: this is about ensuring that all volunteers and paid staff working with children and adults at risk are able to recognise harm and abuse and are confident about what action to take.

The Safeguarding Service provides a general enquiries service about any matter that may be safeguarding-related. Safeguarding Handbook 5, 2014, describes how congregations are supported with the safe inclusion of those who pose a risk (sex offenders). A range of safeguarding training programmes is described in Safeguarding Handbook 3, 2012.

3. Responding: what to do if harm or abuse is suspected, witnessed or reported

Our key safeguarding message: If you suspect or witness harm or abuse, or it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to your line manager or congregational Safeguarding Coordinator. They will then contact the Safeguarding Service for advice.

We provide verbal and written advice, and practical support, with managing safeguarding situations in congregations and CrossReach services. Harm or abuse can be current or historical (reported to have occurred years or decades ago). As a starting point, if a potential safeguarding situation 'doesn't look, sound or feel right, it probably isn't' – please contact us and we will be pleased to discuss.

The Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service

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w: http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/safeguarding_service



Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office

The Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office (SCPO) is an ecumenical and non-partisan organisation which exists to help build fruitful relationships between the Scottish Parliament, Scottish Government and Christian churches in Scotland.

SCPO was established in 1999 and is currently based in Hanover Street in the centre of Edinburgh. We currently represent the following churches: Church of Scotland; Congregational Federation; Methodist Church in Scotland; Religious Society of Friends (Quakers); The Salvation Army; Scottish Episcopal Church; United Free Church of Scotland; United Reformed Church; Associated Presbyterian Churches; Baptist Union of Scotland; Free Church of Scotland; Scottish Unitarian Association. We also work closely with the Catholic Parliamentary Office which represents the Roman Catholic community in Scotland.

There are three members of staff at the SCPO. Chloe Clemmons is the Parliamentary Officer, Janine Mckenna is the Research and Resource Development Officer and Fiona Brown from the Church of Scotland provides us with administrative support on a Monday morning.

SCPO produces a parliamentary update featuring consultations, bills, motions and debates that may be relevant to Scotland's church community. We also produce a monthly newsletter which highlights any urgent political news and information. To subscribe, please email Janine@actsparl.org or visit the website on www.actsparl.org and enter your details in the green box.

SCPO also produces briefing papers on relevant political issues. Recent topics include anti human trafficking, Scotland post referendum and the Smith Commission Agreement. All briefing papers can be accessed on our website.

SCPO regularly publishes an interview with a Scottish MP, MSP or prominent political figure. Interviews are intended to be informal, and allow an opportunity for our readers to find out more about political figures whose names often appear in the updates and briefing papers.

The work of the SCPO is relevant to children and young people too. We want them to be aware of the issues that affect them, their communities and their churches. If there is a particular issue you think your group might want more information on – let us know. We can provide age friendly information and resources on any political or social justice topic.

We have recently set up a Facebook page which enables people to interact with us and stay up to day on political and governmental news affecting Scotland and the churches. Please encourage any young people to get involved! We are also on Twitter.

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Twitter - [@actsparl](https://twitter.com/actsparl)





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Society, Religion and Technology Project

Looking at the ethics of technology for a New Millennium



From mobile phones and the internet, to cloning and stem cells, technology has affected our lives in all kinds of ways. Science and technology bring great benefits to us as individuals, and as society

Established in 1970 by the Church of Scotland to examine the implications of new and emerging technologies, the SRT seeks to bring a Christian ethical reflection to the way that we interact with the worlds of science and technology, and how technology affects us. It seeks to stimulate ethical understanding by engaging with those working in research, industry, government, NGO's and many other organisations. Its expert working groups provide a forum for multi-disciplinary interaction between scientists and specialists in ethics, theology, sociology, ecology, risk and other fields, to look together at wider dimensions of emerging technologies. Bringing insights from Christian ethics, it has built up a reputation for the quality and balance of its work on complex and vital issues of our times, from North Sea Oil in the 1970's to cloning, neuroethics, synthetic biology and energy issues today.

See the SRT website www.srtp.org.uk for further details.

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Want to serve God?



- Aged 18-25?
- Thinking of taking a gap year?
- Interested in volunteering in a parish or project whilst exploring a vocation in the Church?


It's your call

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If you answered yes to all three questions, then Volunteering Vocations is for you!

Living in community with other volunteers, you will spend 10 months participating in a wide range of tasks in a supported and reflective environment, for example:

- Youth Outreach and other missional work
- Arts, music and drama projects
- Work within children's and youth ministries
- Family support projects
- Work with pastoral care teams
- Caring for the environment

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/ministries_council/education_and_support/volunteering-vocations

For details on how to apply, contact Heather at vocation@cofscotland.org.uk.



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World Mission Council

To celebrate the life and legacy of Mary Slessor and the many positive differences she made to the lives of people in Nigeria, we are inviting children and young people to think about today's world and the one thing that they would change if they had the chance. They are asked to design a postcard showing their idea. The closing date is 20th March 2015



http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/mission_worldwide/get_involved/celebrate_the_life_and_legacy_of_mary_slessor

Carol Finlay, Twinning and Local Development Secretary, World Mission Council
121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN

I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD AND KING,
AND BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU,
AND PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED;
HIS GREATNESS IS UNSEARCHABLE.

ONE GENERATION SHALL LAUD YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER,
AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.
ON THE GLORIOUS SPLENDOR OF YOUR MAJESTY,
AND ON YOUR WONDROUS WORKS, I WILL MEDITATE.
THE MIGHT OF YOUR AWESOME DEEDS SHALL BE PROCLAIMED,
AND I WILL DECLARE YOUR GREATNESS.
THEY SHALL CELEBRATE THE FAME OF YOUR ABUNDANT GOODNESS,
AND SHALL SING ALOUD OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

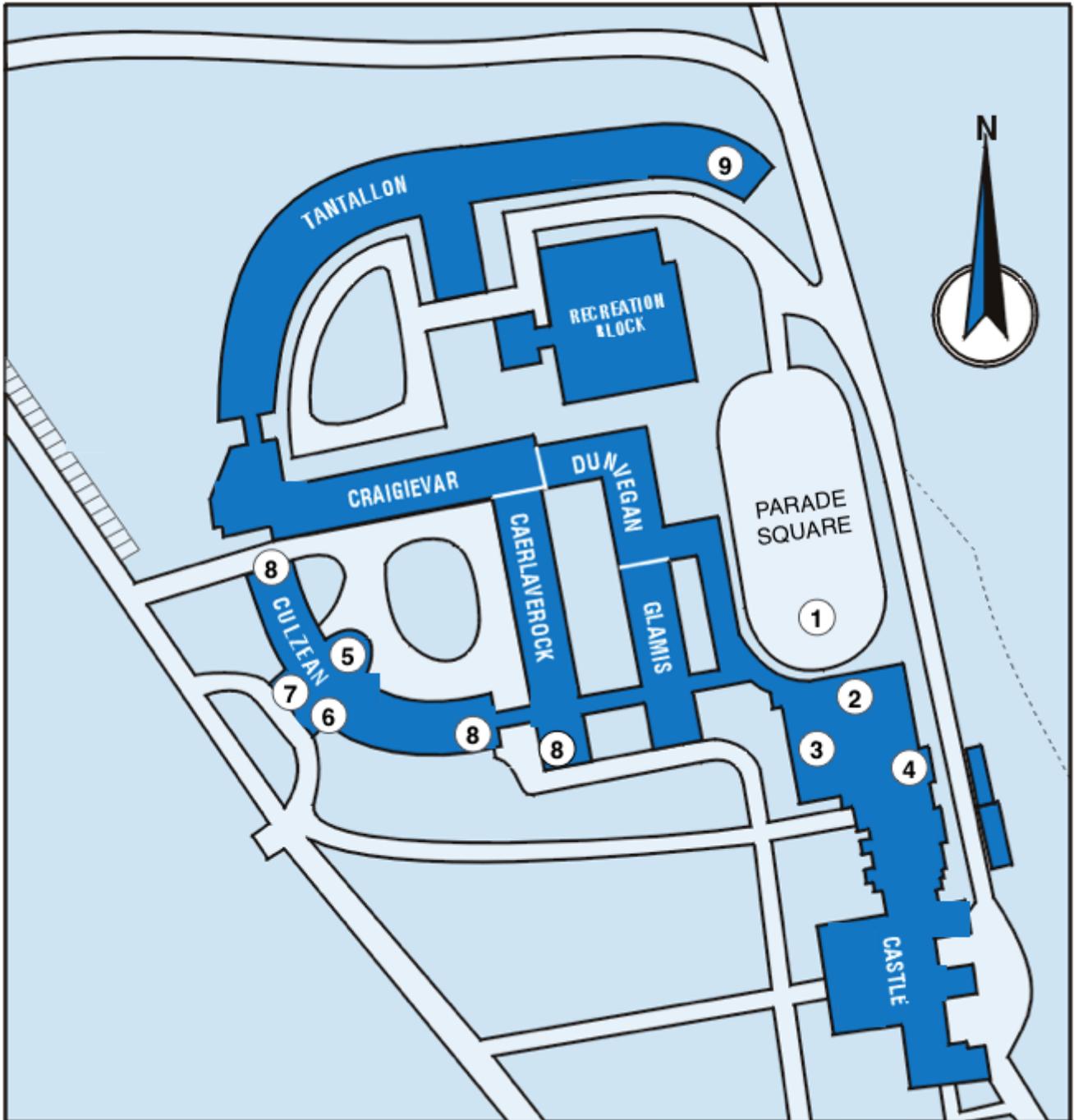
THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE.
THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL,
AND HIS COMPASSION IS OVER ALL THAT HE HAS MADE.



Essential Information for the Conference

Organisers	<p>Suzi Farrant</p> <p>Young People and Young Adult's Development Worker, Mission & Discipleship Council</p> <p>sfarrant@churchofscotland.org.uk</p> <p>07891479809</p>	<p>Catherine Falconer</p> <p>Children's Development Worker, Mission & Discipleship Council</p> <p>cfalconer@churchofscotland.org.uk</p> <p>07966286958</p>
Management	<p>Ron Clarke</p> <p>Congregational Learning Team Leader, Mission & Discipleship Council</p> <p>rhclarke@churchofscotland.org.uk</p> <p>07791008391</p>	
Out of hours	Contact the venues 24hr Security based at reception (point 7 on the map opposite).	
In case of emergency	Contact the appropriate emergency service. Contact Suzi Farrant on the mobile number printed above.	
Chaplaincy	There is not an official chaplain at the conference, but our team are happy to provide a listening ear and safe space to talk should you wish this service.	
Complaints	Should you have a complaint during the conference, please speak directly to Suzi Farrant, Catherine Falconer or Ron Clarke. If you wish to provide feedback after the event please email learn@churchofscotland.org.uk	
Venue address	<p>Scottish Police College</p> <p>Tulliallan Castle</p> <p>Kincardine</p> <p>Fife</p> <p>FK10 4BE</p>	

Venue map



1	Car park	6	Lecture Foyer (1st floor)
2	Foyer—Registration area	7	Main venue reception (ground floor)
3	Assembly Hall—Resource area	8	Workshop rooms
4	Dining Hall	9	Accommodation block
5	Lecture Theatre (1st floor)		

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Mission and Discipleship Council

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