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Welcome to the

Together Network 2024 Conference

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**The Hayes Conference
Centre, Swanwick**

25th - 26th June 2024

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Day 1

Tuesday 25th June

10.30 - 11.00	Arrivals, Coffees and Pastries	Reception
11.30 - 12.00	Welcome and Talk from Bishop Rob	Main Conference Room
12.00 - 12.15	Short Break	
12.15 - 1.00	Eucharist (with Bishop Rob)	Main Conference Room
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch	
2.00 - 3.00	Getting to know each other (with Lily Axworthy)	Main Conference Room
3.00 - 3.15	Break	
3.15 - 4.15	Dilys Alam's Keynote: Working with Central Government	Main Conference Room
4.15 - 5.00	Bags to Rooms	
5.00 - 6.00	Thematic Group Conversations (organised by Simon Cartwright)	Main Conference Room
6.00 - 6.15	Short Break	
6.15 - 6.45	Reflective Prayers	Chapel
7.00	Dinner	
After Dinner	Informal catch ups in the bar	Bar
8.00 - 9.00	Pub Quiz (hosted by Ruth Bull)	Bar



Day 2

Wednesday 26th June

8.00 - 9.00	Breakfast	
8.15 - 8.30	Morning Prayers	Main Conference Room
9.00 - 9.30	Check out of Rooms	
9.30 - 10.30	Workshops Round 1	See workshops page
10.30 - 11.30	Break	
11.00 - 12.00	Workshops Round 2	See workshops page
12.15 - 1.00	Lunch	
1.00 - 2.15	Corin Pilling's Keynote: Grounded Hope: Reimagining Wellbeing in Challenging Times	Main Conference Room
2.15 - 2.30	Short Break (Please complete survey)	
2.30 - 2.45	Sending Out	Main Conference Room



Keynote Speaker Bios

Dilys Alam

Keynote: Working with Central Government

Dilys has spent most of her working life communicating or helping to design and implement social policy. Having done that within government for over 15 years, she now helps the Church of England to engage with public policy relating to home affairs - predominantly migration and justice.



Corin Pilling

Keynote: Grounded Hope: Reimagining Wellbeing in Challenging Times

Corin is the National Director of Sanctuary UK. He is based in London and is working to connect with charities, non-profits, and churches across the UK to form partnerships, collaborate in the intersection of mental health and faith, and bring resources like The Sanctuary Course to help meet the needs of churches and communities.



Workshops

OPTION 1: Maintaining Wellbeing in a World of Complexity, Challenge and Conflicting Priorities



Corin Pilling, Sanctuary Health Ministries UK

Corin will help us to understand ways that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing, in demanding, complex roles.

Main Conference Room

OPTION 2: What is a Family Hub and can anyone run one?



Ian Soars, Spurgeons

Spurgeons create Family Hubs where they're needed most, with counselling, early years and family support. They partner with local councils, churches and communities to care for families, putting children and young people first. Ian will explore the model and how TN Members can be involved.

Derwent Room

OPTION 3: Bids with Statutory Bodies/ Large Project Applications



Katie Brazier and Jet Jones, Together for Change

Katie and Jet will share inspiring examples of their Saints projects and supporting major capital regeneration projects in churches, exploring their successes, and advising on best practice.

Dove Room



Which workshop am I attending?

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the main conference room. If you already indicated your preferences via the Google Doc, you will have been assigned your choices. If not, please add your name to the two workshops you would like to attend.



Workshops Cont.

OPTION 4: Digital Disciples: How to empower local churches to embrace digital tools and serve their communities



Eve Powers, High Peak Productions

This workshop will cover supporting churches with the digital communication options available to them, from websites to social media and everything in between! We will look at great examples of how churches are communicating their worship, community and CUF activities.

And finally we will also look at some commonly arising digital issues for churches and some practical ideas for solving them. Please bring a smartphone, laptop or tablet and come prepared to share any real-life examples of digital church problems!

Main Conference Room Annex B

OPTION 5: Growing the trust in trustees



Bishop Rob Wickham **Main Conference Room Annex A**

This workshop is designed for Together Network Trustees to build trust in one another and across the Network. Patrick Lencione, in his excellent book, '5 dysfunctions of a team' mentions that the building of trust is essential for any team to flourish, and often this trust is built when those in positions of leadership share something of vulnerability with honesty.

This workshop is an opportunity to share, honestly, the joys and challenges of being a trustee, and to listen and learn from one another. It is also an opportunity to share reflections on the support that CUF gives, and the role that CUF plays, as we seek to live out National Movement, Local Action. **Please note this workshop will only run once, during the first set of workshops.**

OPTION 6: Exploring the future of the Together Network with TN Leads

Bishop Rob Wickham **Main Conference Room Annex A**

This workshop is designed as a space for the leads of Together Network Core Member organisations to explore options for developing the future of the Together Network. **Please note this workshop will only run once, during the second set of workshops.**



About The Hayes

We hope you enjoy your time onsite at The Hayes. Here are a few things it may be helpful to be aware of.

- If weather allows, there are 100 acres of gardens and grounds to explore!
- The newly refurbished upstairs lounge includes a quiet reading area. There is a games room adjoining the lounge equipped with a pool table. There is a table tennis table, air hockey table and table football game in the Orchard Room – please ask at Reception for the key.
- You are welcome to use the indoor gym with running, cycling and rowing machines and a weight training cable machine.
- All doors operate on a keycard system. You will be given a keycard on a lanyard, which you will need to keep on you at all times.
- Coffee machines are available 8 am – 8 pm every day. Please note, tea and coffee facilities are also available in bedrooms.
- The bar will be open 5 pm – 10.30 pm.
- Reception will be staffed 7.30 am – 10.00 pm. There will be a porter on site from 10.00pm – 7.30am.
- The Hayes is now a cashless site – all additional purchases must be made with cards.
- The Wi-Fi is “CCTWIFI”. There is no password – simply use your email address to register.
- If the fire alarm sounds during your stay, please make your way to the Main Conference Hall, which is located just off the main lawn
- External food and drink cannot be brought on site.
- Your room will be supplied with a hairdryer, bath towel, hand towel, soap, shower gel and shampoo.
- There are 6 Electric Car Charging points on site. Please ask at Reception for details.



THE HAYES

DERBYSHIRE

CONFERENCE CENTRE

- 1 Main Conference Hall
- 2 Butterley Hall
- 3 Orchard Hall Clubhouse
- 4 Derbyshire Suite

-  Bar
-  Chapel
-  Croquet

-  Dining Rooms
-  Outdoor Games
-  Tea & Coffee

-  Outdoor Sports Area
-  Play Equipment
-  Sports Hall



Lakeside Accommodation

- 22 Amber Lounge
- 23 Buxton Lounge
- 24 Cromford Room
- 25 Derwent Room
- 26 Dove Room
- 27 Lakeside Reception
- 28 Matlock Room
- 29 Prayer Room
- 30 Tissington Room
- 31 TV Room
- 32 Wirksworth Room

3rd Floor

Rooms 401-425



2nd Floor

Rooms 301-375



1st Floor

Rooms 201-269

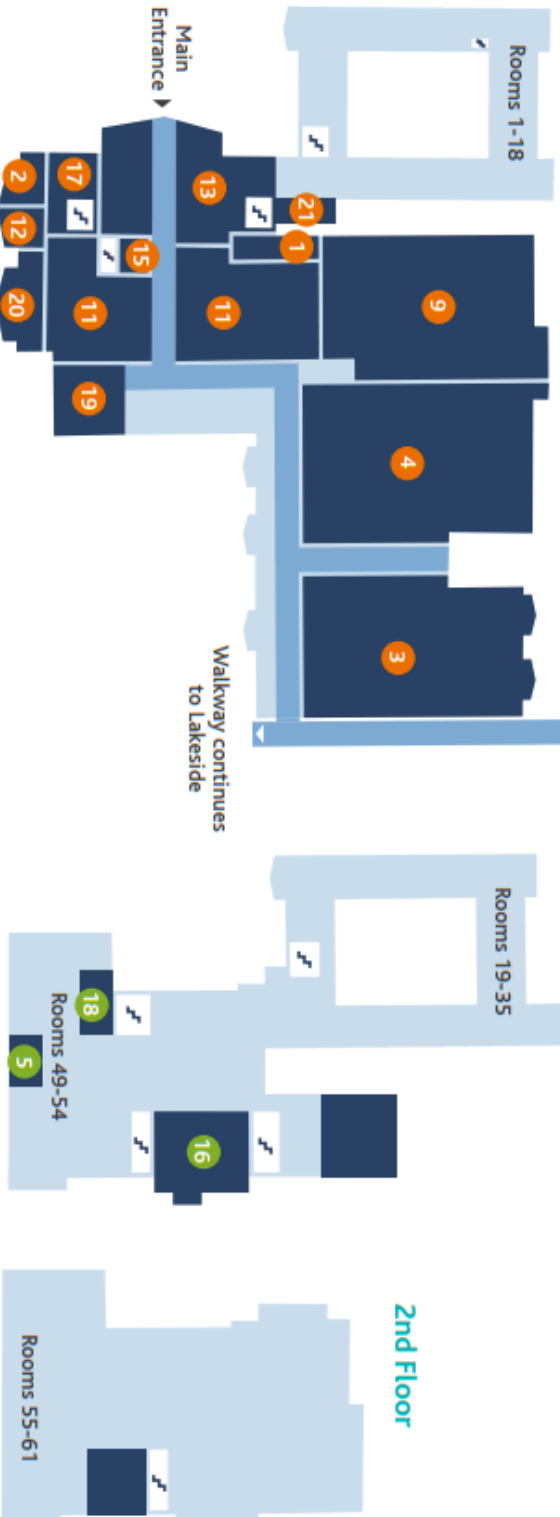


Ground Floor

Rooms 101-130



Ground Floor



Main House

- 1 Bar
- 2 Games Room (over 18's)
- 3 Butterley Hall
- 4 Chatsworth Dining Room
- 5 Committee Room
- 6 Derbyshire Hall
- 7 Derbyshire Rooms 1-6
- 8 Derbyshire Rooms 7&8
- 9 Haddon Dining Room
- 10 Kinder Room
- 11 Garden Lounge
- 12 Reading Room
- 13 Reception Area
- 14 Sports Hall
- 15 Tea & Coffee
- 16 The Board Room
- 17 The Lounge
- 18 Upper Lounge
- 19 Vinery
- 20 Writing Room
- 21 Gym (over 18's)

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Organisation Bios

Church Urban Fund (CUF)

CUF aim to tackle complex challenges like poverty and exclusion across England by mobilising individuals, churches, and entire communities to make a positive difference. We understand that local people know their communities best, so we ensure that local skills and knowledge are amplified and valued in everything we do. As a Christian organisation, we are motivated by a vision of the world as God intends it to be. We are passionate about building communities where material needs are met and everyone feels connected, valued and loved.

Communities Together Durham

Communities Together Durham believe that local churches are uniquely positioned to address local issues effectively. By fostering strong relationships with both churches and their communities, we empower them to thrive together. Our team is dedicated to honouring the dignity and worth of every individual, recognising that each person is created in the image of God. Understanding that poverty impacts people in diverse ways and has complex causes and solutions, we are committed to challenging social injustice. Through collaboration with churches and neighbourhoods, we aim to help communities flourish.

Diocese of Bath and Wells

The diocese loves and serves in the region of 1,000,000 people who live here through its family of 466 parishes and 181 church schools. This family works for the good of local communities in a range of practical as well as pastoral ways; caring for the vulnerable in our societies, supporting local families and encouraging children and young people.

Diocese of Canterbury

The Canterbury Diocese (the oldest in England) centres its mission on a vision of transformation for ourselves and our communities, grounded in the belief that no one can encounter God and remain unchanged. Our goal is to evolve into a Christian community continually transformed through encounters with Christ, growing and overflowing to bless and transform the families, homes, and communities we serve. This vision is encapsulated in our motto: Changed Lives Changing Lives.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Diocese of Portsmouth

The Diocese of Portsmouth works like a network or family of parishes. Those parishes help each other through prayer, finances and mutual support. It's our system of parish share that ensures we have a presence in every community and can offer ministry and mission to all who come to us.

Greater Together Manchester

Greater Together Manchester's vision is to see people and communities all over Greater Manchester and Rossendale flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness. Founded in 2015, our objective is to build effective partnerships in communities to bring about positive change by tackling poverty and transforming lives throughout Greater Manchester and Rossendale. We also aim to enrich, inspire and equip communities with the skills, knowledge and confidence to bring about change in their localities, to help tackle social injustice and ensure that everyone can enjoy life in all its fullness.

High Peak Productions

High Peak Productions is a family business specialising in creating high-quality, creative and impactful video content.

Imagine Norfolk Together

Imagine Norfolk Together aims to celebrate and support the work of local Christians in their communities while providing churches with the resources they need to develop and implement social action initiatives. We offer workshops, training, and events to empower individuals and foster local partnerships.

Sanctuary UK

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries is a Christian charity that equips the Church to support mental health and wellbeing. Sanctuary resources prepare communities of faith around the world to raise awareness, reduce stigma, support mental health, and promote mental wellbeing.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Sandwell Churches Link

Sandwell Churches Link has been instrumental over the last 20 years in building relationships between churches to harness collaboration and understanding. In 2016 we became a registered charity where our mission focus was primarily on how churches can reduce poverty in all its forms including lack of resources, low confidence and social isolation.

SEARCH Hull

Since 1999, SEARCH has supported churches and organisations across Hull as they seek to engage with their communities in social and economic action to help improve the lives of those living there and bring about positive change. As well as promoting the work of the churches, they also sign-post to other initiatives run by local charities and community groups involved in social action within the city.

Spurgeons

Spurgeons create family hubs where they're needed most, providing support with mental health, special educational needs, domestic abuse and all of family life's challenges. We work through children and family centres, churches, schools and prisons.

Strengthening Communities

Strengthening Communities collaborates with communities and individuals, churches, and other faith groups across Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, The Black Country, and North Shropshire to support community building and improve lives. Our goal is to create resilient communities where every voice is heard and every strength is celebrated. We achieve this by actively partnering with a diverse range of churches, faith groups, charities, and voluntary, community, and social enterprises. Using an asset-based approach to community development, we focus on building on what is strong rather than what is wrong in the community. This involves encouraging the voices of those affected to be heard and understood, empowering and equipping individuals and groups to make a practical difference, enabling people to use their skills, talents, and interests for their own and their community's development, and continuously evaluating and learning from one another to grow stronger communities.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Thrive Together Birmingham

Thrive Together Birmingham is dedicated to supporting and expanding a movement of individuals, churches, and organisations motivated by our faith to address poverty and contribute to the flourishing of our neighbourhoods. As part of the Community Regeneration Department of the Church of England Birmingham, we collaborate with churches, individuals, and organisations in various tailored ways to develop activities that meet the specific needs of their communities, build strong neighbourhood relationships, and gain a deeper understanding of their community's needs. Additionally, we foster collaboration among people, particularly those from other faith communities, who are equally committed to tackling poverty and promoting social justice.

Together for Change Coventry and Warwickshire

Together for Change collaborates with churches, charities, and local agencies to develop projects that bring positive change to communities, particularly in deprived areas. By supporting creative and innovative initiatives to alleviate poverty, we aim to make a significant impact. Working closely with the Diocese of Coventry and Church Urban Fund, Together for Change is dedicated to resourcing and equipping churches to transform their communities and address systemic poverty issues.

Together in Sussex

Together in Sussex works to inspire, enable and equip churches across Chichester Diocese to understand their neighbourhood and connect with vulnerable members of the communities so as to respond appropriately to issues of marginalisation and deprivation. Our vision is to see churches and their communities coming together through action, informed support, prayer, and giving to help those most in need and to provide practical help, promoting social justice, inclusion, and integration, including all and inspiring hope.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Together Leicester

At Together Leicester we work with churches and other organisations in our local communities to tackle social inequality, transform neighbourhoods and change lives. At the heart of everything we do is something we call ABCD, or Asset-based Community Development. It's a way of working that makes the most of the skills and capacities of our local residents, groups and businesses to build stronger, happier and thriving communities. In Leicester we are seeking to tackle three key areas of social inequality: food security, loneliness, and the stigma around mental health. And while our Christian faith is central to what we do, our local partnerships with other faiths and organisations bring extra strength and energy.

Together Liverpool

Together Liverpool is helping build a more just, generous and equal society, through the Network of Kindness. Launched in 2013, we are an independently registered charity equipping faith and community groups across the Diocese of Liverpool area to take their next step in social action. The groups we support help enrich people's lives in a range of contexts including through activities in churches, community centres, libraries, community gardens and schools.

Together Southwark

Together Southwark is a charity of the Diocese of Southwark that supports the vision of the Diocese especially in the area of social action. It aims to promote mission, ministry and practical action in response to human need in our parishes and communities across the Diocese by enabling and supporting the work of our churches in alleviating poverty and deprivation.

Transforming Communities Together Tyne to Tweed

We support local churches, engage communities and get involved in neighbourhoods through practical action, by helping to develop a wide range of projects. We are supported by Church Urban Fund and the Diocese of Newcastle to create faith-based social action in communities between 'Tyne and Tweed'.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Transforming Communities Together Warwick

Transforming Communities Together Warwick is a partnership project between the Anglican Churches of Warwick and Together for Change, aiming to meet needs, change lives, and transform communities in the Warwick area. Supported by the King Henry VIII Endowed Trust, which benefits residents of the CV34 postcode area, the project focuses on several key aspects, responding to need. The charity informs, inspires, resources, and supports local churches and organisations to respond effectively to community needs. It also offers support by partnering with churches and organisations to develop community-based social action initiatives.

Transforming Lives Together Chester

Transforming Lives Together is a locally based 'faith in action', people-driven, passionate advocate for social justice. We aim to bring people together by stimulating and supporting church social action to help communities flourish and thrive in the Chester Diocese. In generating church and people-led social action we especially work to respond to food poverty and social isolation issues. Our projects strengthen children's wellbeing, family resilience and bring diverse communities together; combating child holiday hunger and adult loneliness. We build meaningful relationships between people and their communities, fostering stronger bonds and supportive social networks. Inspired by our Christian values, all the projects and services we provide in communities are open to people from all backgrounds, regardless of their beliefs.

Transforming Notts Together (TNT)

Transforming Notts Together fosters relationships with churches throughout Nottinghamshire, inspiring, equipping, and connecting them to help people overcome poverty and isolation caused by injustice and inequality. We achieve this by inspiring churches to engage with their communities by highlighting the real-life impacts of injustice and inequality. TNT equips and partners with churches to enhance their skills and resources, enabling them to make a more significant local impact and connecting churches and Christian organisations by coordinating networks and promoting broader collaborative efforts.



Organisation Bios Cont.

Transforming Plymouth Together

Transforming Plymouth Together was launched in response to the Plymouth Fairness Commission Report and continues to work with churches, local communities, and national partners to address the root causes of poverty in our city. Our projects focus on several key areas, including seeking social justice, reducing poverty, building stronger neighbourhoods, improving health, wellbeing, and community resilience, and supporting and promoting church social action.

Wellsprings Together

Wellsprings Together strategically supports faith communities in social engagement, with a particular focus on parish-based initiatives. Our goal is to enhance local efforts by adding capacity and expertise, while connecting local activities to regional and national levels for broader impact. As the Anglican Diocese of Leeds' chosen partner for parish-based social action, we strive to nurture and inspire a movement of faith-driven social engagement that empowers individuals and communities to thrive. We aim to provide access to resources, information, and expertise in faith-based social action, recognising our own capabilities and facilitating collaboration with others.

Unlock

Unlock is a non-denominational Christian charity that was founded in 1972. It exists to support urban churches of any denomination in responding to the opportunities and challenges in their areas. We are especially concerned with facilitating Bible engagement within 'traditional tabloid' ('non-book', 'oral learners', or 'text-shy') cultures.



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