

Tackling Poverty 2012 Conference



10.00 am *Registration – tea and coffee available*

10.25 am **Welcome and introductions**

10.30 am **Prayers and Reflections**

10.40 am **Tackling Poverty – How can churches have a long term impact? Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York**

Poor communities are struggling with reduced local services, rising unemployment and social tensions. Local churches and Christians across England are stepping up to these challenges. What are the key factors that churches need to have a long term and lasting impact in their local communities?

Bio: John Sentamu was ordained in 1979, appointed Bishop for Stepney in 1996, Bishop for Birmingham in 2002 and Archbishop of York in 2005. He is a member of the House of Lords and a Privy Councillor.

11.10 am **Going Beyond the Project: Radical Hospitality – Jude Smith & Anna Hembury**

Projects are great ways of connecting with and supporting people living in poverty but how do we live and work in a way that relationships go beyond worker/client to one of equality and friendship? Some top tips from experienced community workers.

Jude Smith, Leeds: Jude is based in inner city Leeds where she is a curate and pioneer minister. She has been living and working in and around UPAs for 15 years, both loving them as they are and willing them towards transformation.

Chris and Anna Hembury, Hull: Heading up Hull YFC, Chris and Anna have lived and worked in deprived area of Hull over the last 15 years

11.30 am **The Long Haul: Going the Distance – Helen Gatenby, M13 Youth Project**

Working in local communities can be exciting, stressful and knacker. How do you keep yourself and your team going over a long period of time and still able to keep your vision, focus and sanity?

Bio: Since 1995, Helen Gatenby founded and run M13 Youth Project, a community-based project, specialising in street-based detached youth work with young people often labelled 'hard-to-reach'

12.00 *Lunch*

12.50 pm **WORKSHOP SESSIONS 1 (see details on next page)**

1.50 pm *Break – tea and coffee available*

2.20 pm **WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2 (see details on next page)**

3.20 pm **Faith and Chaos - John Bell, Iona Community**

How do we keep our focus on the hope, life and peace of Jesus amidst the pressures and chaos of supporting people living in poverty?

Bio: John Bell is based in Glasgow and works in the areas of music, worship and spirituality. He was ordained by the Church of Scotland and he lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across Europe, North America and Australasia. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on radio and television,

3.50 pm *Prayers and reflections*

4.00 pm *Finish, Depart*

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Choice of Interactive Workshop Sessions

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 1 – CHOICES	WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2 - CHOICES
<p>Asylum seekers: Accessing free legal advice – Catherine Beaumont, Manuel Bravo Project With cuts in Legal Aid and immigration advice, projects are struggling to support asylum seekers as they defend their cases in court. Manuel Bravo Project has developed an innovative project to tackle this by enabling non-immigration solicitors to offer immigration advice and support pro-bono. This session will give you the opportunity to hear more about this project and opportunity to share ideas and issues around the issue of asylum seeker advice. The Manuel Bravo Project is an award winning charitable organisation based in Leeds which helps asylum seekers who are unable to find adequate legal representation.</p>	<p>Jesus and the Marginalised – John Bell, Iona Community Because of Christendom's over-emphasis with the passive Jesus (as depicted in hymns and artwork), comparatively little attention is given to whom he engages with and in what way. This seminar is not so much a Bible study as an attempt to see how Jesus' roles (as distinct from rules) of engagement are needed if we are to effectively engage with both the poor and Jesus today. This will be led by John Bell, a renowned Christian thinker in the areas of music, worship and spirituality.</p>
<p>How to fail well – making the most of our mistakes – Ven Morris Rodham, Coventry Diocese Community work isn't all transformed lives, successful projects and ongoing growth. It can be messy, difficult and sometimes we screw up. This session will help you deal with mistakes and failures more positively, honestly and usefully. Morris is Archdeacon Missioner for Coventry Diocese and was vicar at St Mary's Leamington Spa which has a diverse and growing congregation and runs a number of community projects.</p>	<p>Community action with other faiths – BCDD Faith groups in deprived areas often live parallel lives and yet face many community issues in common. Using the experience of the Near Neighbours programme, this session will look at ideas and issues on how to mobilise faith groups to work together to tackle common issues of poverty such as crime, poor housing and low aspiration. Bradford Churches for Dialogue and Diversity has had 7 years experience of interfaith work and is a key partner in the Near Neighbours programme.</p>
<p>Mental Health: Making your church/project more responsive – Alison Hogger, Keeping Health in Mind People in poverty are 2-3 more times likely to develop a mental illness. This session will give you pointers and guidance on how you and your project/church can identify and support people more effectively with mental health issues.</p>	<p>Tackling Youth Unemployment – Tim Evans, Worth Unlimited Youth unemployment is around 20% with no signs of improvement. This session will give project ideas to support young people in deprived areas to find suitable work, education or training. Tim Evans is CEO of Worth Unlimited, a national Christian youth charity focused on addressing the needs of marginalised and excluded young people.</p>
<p>Registering a new charity: Do's and Don'ts – Sarah Hayes, Anthony Collins Solicitors You may be part of a new group just starting out or a church wanting to set up a new charity to run its community work. This session will help give you some guidance and pointers on navigating the Charity Commission's registration process. Anthony Collins Solicitors has specialist experience in charity law and development.</p>	<p>Incarnational Living – Andrew Grinnell Share stories, hopes and challenges of living long term in communities struggling with poverty. Andrew Grinnell is learning what it means to find Jesus and follow him on an estate in East Leeds. He moved there with his family and some friends in 2006 seeking to be good neighbours for and with local people. He is an associate of Leeds Churches Together in Mission, where he is helping to develop a community organising body for Leeds. He teaches on training programmes and at various events around the UK and is a research student at Kings College, London.</p>
	<p>Listening to your community – Ruth Smith, Livability Before starting any project or church building development, it is vital to get the views and insights of the local community. This interactive workshop will give you hints, tips and tactics on how to listen effectively to the people, businesses and groups in your local area. Ruth Smith is part of the Community Mission Team at Livability.</p>

Travel Bursary Information

Attendees are eligible to apply for financial support (after the first £35) to meet reasonable associated travel costs within England and also overnight accommodation where absolutely essential. Please note that in order to let as many different groups and projects as possible to participate, we can only offer financial support to a maximum of two persons from each project (or group of projects). Applications must be received by 1st March 2012. For more information, please contact Daniel Chapman on daniel.chapman@cuf.org.uk or indicate on the ticket booking form that you want to apply for a travel bursary.