

Booking Form

Engaging Communities

One name per form please. Please photocopy for additional registrations.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other: _____

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

If under 18 please give date of birth: _____

If necessary, please include on a separate sheet the names of any who will be attending the crèche, children's or teenage programme.

Costs:

Adults - £12

School aged children & unwaged young people - £2

Pre-school children - Free

I enclose cheque for £_____ payable to 'United Free Church of Scotland'. Please send to United Free Church of Scotland, 11 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PR by Friday 16th August. If you prefer to send your payment electronically please email, dunblane@ufcos.org.uk for bank details.

Data Protection: We would like to send you information about next year's event by post or email - please tick this box if you are happy for us to retain your details for this purpose.

PLEASE SELECT THE WORKSHOPS YOU WISH TO ATTEND OVERLEAF



Timetable

From 9.30am	Arrival & Registration (tea & coffee available)
10am - 11.00am	Opening Session
11.15am - 12.15pm	Workshops 1
12.15pm - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 1.30pm	Good News Market Place
1.45pm - 2.45pm	Workshops 2
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Tea Break
3.15pm - 4.00pm	Closing Celebration

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should be enclosed with bookings or email: dunblane@ufcos.org.uk to transfer the money electronically.

Crèche

There will be a crèche for pre-school children run by experienced leaders. **It is essential that places are booked in advance** to ensure we comply with Safeguarding requirements.

Children

There will be a separate programme for children in P1 - 6 although they may join in parts of the main session at the beginning and end of the day. **Please book in advance.**

Young People

For those who are starting P7 through to S6, we offer a chance to meet other young people at Dunblane. There will be a range of activities led by Cara Wightman from Cathcart Youth Ministry Partnership.

Please sign up in advance to join us on the day during the workshop/seminar times - you can stay with us during lunchtime too if you like. Please remember to bring your own lunch.

Venue

The event will be held in Dunblane High School which is close to the M9 & A9 and is convenient for those travelling from different parts of Scotland. A map will be sent when bookings are acknowledged.

Food

You are asked to bring your own lunch - tea, coffee and juice will be available. Please feel free to bring your own re-usable cup if you wish, as we aim to cut down on the amount of single use plastic disposed of on the day, (but you should note there are no facilities for washing up).

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Please complete the booking form and return it by Friday 18th August to:

**United Free Church,
11 Newton Place,
Glasgow G3 7PR**

(Remember to include the names of children and young people - on a separate sheet if necessary.)



UNITED FREE CHURCH
of SCOTLAND

Engaging Communities



Dunblane High School / Saturday 31st August / 10am - 4.00pm

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'But if we live in the light, just as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his Son purifies us from every sin.'

John 1:7

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5: 14 - 16

The theme of engaging communities can be understood in different ways. Are we, in the Church, an engaging community, engaging with God and with one another? And how do we engage with those without faith?

This year we will explore each of these aspects of the theme and we are pleased to welcome as our keynote speaker Peter Collison, Pastor of Findlay Church Glasgow. Peter will speak at our opening session on 31st August during which we will also have a time of worship led by Ian Watson from Cathcart Trinity Church of Scotland and Musical Director of Praise Gathering.

Dunblane High School - Saturday 31st August, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Following this there will be a series of workshops from 11.15 - 12.15 and which will be repeated from 1.45 - 2.45. The lunchbreak provides time to catch up with old friends and make new ones and to visit the 'Good News Market Place', when, between 1.00 and 1.30. In 15 minute sessions, there will be an opportunity to hear about a range of new mission activities going on in various UF churches. Finally we have the closing Celebration from 3.15 - 4.00 with an opportunity to reflect on the day and on next steps.

There will again be a display of books and other resources available for sale (provided by Faith Mission Bookshops). Also there will be a display by a number of Christian agencies giving information on their work in Scotland and around the world and how we can engage with them.

We meet in Dunblane High School, with bright, modern, spacious facilities mostly on one level and with a lift to the upper floor.

Workshops

1: Resourcing Scotland with the Bible

Led by Fiona MacDonald, Scottish Bible Society

How can we help each other engage well with the Bible in a culture which undermines much of the truth within it? The Scottish Bible Society has developed a wide range of resources and projects which are designed to help us read well, explore more and minister effectively to those around us using the Bible as the greatest resource of all.

2: Christian Values in Education

Led by Steve Younger, High Blantyre Baptist Church and school chaplain for over 30 years.

This seminar will look at the place of values, character formation and spiritual development within Scottish Schools. School chaplains and parents can play a leading and crucial role in this area of Curriculum for Excellence as partners with their school communities. The seminar will explore the centrality of Christian values and of capacity-building in today's schools.

3: Faith in the Workplace

Led by Julie Hoey.

For most of her adult life Julie worked in local and national government. She has now moved back to Northern Ireland, where she works with her church in Lisburn, aiming to see the community flourish.

Living out our faith in the workplace can, for many of us, be the most challenging aspect of trying to follow Jesus today. Here, we have an opportunity to think afresh about the witness we give and the life we live away from Christian family and friends.

4: Who's out there and what do they think?

Led by Diane McWilliam, Community Development Worker and Cinnamon's Advisor in Scotland

Hints and tips for carrying out a community survey to help inform your church's community engagement. Discover the hopes and dreams, strengths and challenges of the people in your neighbourhood, so that your church can contribute effectively to the fabric of your community.

5: Church Planting

Led by Alan McWilliam, Director of Forge Europe, and leader of Whitinch Church of Scotland

People are hungry for the good news about Jesus. Survey after survey clearly point to a growth in "spiritual seekers" - people who are asking what place faith can play in their lives. So the question we will be thinking about during this session is, "How can we create patterns of mission and ministry that reach them?" Church Planting and mission projects comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes. This seminar will give a starting point for exploring further what the options are for our denomination.

6: Numbers mean something

Led by Fiona Tweedie Mission Statistics Co-ordinator Church of Scotland

Some people are fascinated by statistics, while others are sceptical about their value. However, finding some statistics about our community and understanding what they mean can be a very useful tool as we seek to engage with those around us. This workshop will help us see how we get hold of some relevant information about our communities, and what these numbers mean for mission.

There is a choice of 11 Workshops which will take place from 11.15am - 12.15pm and again from 1.45pm - 2.45pm so that you will be able to attend two workshops.

7: Tom Allan: Re-Discovering His Dynamic Mission Theology and Practice for Today

Led by Sandy Forsyth, TF Torrance Lecturer in Theology & Mission New College, University of Edinburgh.

Tom Allan (1916-65) was a very prominent minister, theologian and evangelist in Scotland of the mid-20th Century. His ideas and practice of mission were dynamic and engaging: focused on re-directing the Gospel and the Church to the streets and the rhythms of everyday life, embracing both evangelism and social action fully. He worked out these ideas in practice in parish ministry, nationally through the 'Tell Scotland' movement, and internationally in the World Council of Churches. This seminar will track his life and work, and consider his legacy for now.

8: Bible Study

Led by Rob Barlow, Minister of Carnoustie UF.

Using 2 Peter 1:3-4 as a springboard for our study we will look at three aspects of this year's theme 'Engaging Communities'; namely 'Engaging with God', 'Engaging with one another', and 'Engaging with the world'. Each of these engagements is relational and in each of them we are essentially called to 'participate in the divine nature'. The intention of our study is then to learn more about what it means to participate in, and be a part of, God's divine nature since this will inevitably cause us to engage with our communities.

9: Church, Autism and me

Led by Vicki Shaver, Aileen Pender and Carolyn Johnstone.

The Gospel message is accessible to all, but often churches are not so open. Join us as we discover ways of welcoming into our churches those on the Autism Spectrum where they can participate and experience the joy of being part of a Christian fellowship.

10: Engaging our Communities

Led by Peter Collison, Pastor of Findlay Church, Glasgow.

What if we found ourselves in a place where no-one understood anything of theology or the language we commonly use to express our faith? What if we found the resources to fund worshipping communities of like-minded people meeting in purpose-built buildings, stretched to the point of exhaustion? Would the church cease to exist, would the gospel no longer be heard, would the evidence of the love of God cease to witness to those created in His image? OR would we find a way to translate our faith, our beliefs, our worship that would ensure the Lord's song continues to be heard in this strange land? What does it mean to be the people of God and how can we live out our identity in Christ in a public way within the communities God has placed us? How can understanding and living out our identity as the people of God help us to be salt and light in our community in order that we might begin to see God's Kingdom Come?

11: Prayer Space

Led by Rev Dr Derrick Watson, Minister Cathcart Baptist Church

An opportunity to take time away from talks and discussions to reflect and pray.

Choose your Workshops

Choose 2 workshops & indicate a 3rd alternative - please mark '1', '2', '3' The same programme will run morning and afternoon.

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- 2: Christian Values in Education
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