



Inspiring and  
Resourcing  
your congregation

**Saturday 13 June 2015, 10am–3.45pm**

St Kane's Church & Church Centre, Church Crescent/Fordyce Terrace, New Deer, Turriff AB53 6WE

## Workshops

Delegates may attend two workshops. Three of the workshops will be repeated morning and afternoon, while the other two are more 'introduction to...' in the morning, and 'follow on...' in the afternoon. When registering, you will be required to rank your preferences (please ensure your first two choices don't clash timewise!). We will endeavour to give you your preferred workshops, but please note that places are limited and allocations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis, so this may not be possible. We'll email soon after you register, to let you know which workshops you have been allocated to.

### Finding Funding (am & pm)

**Catherine McIntosh**, Go For It Fund Training & Development Officer

The Go For It Fund gives away over a million pounds each year, to projects meeting our criteria. Come and play the Go For It Game to understand more about the projects we fund. Catherine will also talk about the range of funding available for church and community projects and offer insights into successful applications. There will be plenty of opportunity to get into discussion and to network!

### Meals & Mission – reaching out through food & drink (am & pm)

**Rob Rawson**, Mission Development Worker (East)

So much of Jesus' ministry revolved around eating and drinking. Why should we be different? Come along and learn more about café church, progressive suppers, coffee mornings and all things foody! An interactive workshop awaits you in, rather appropriately, the 'Mustard Seed' café area!

### Sharing Our Faith (am & pm)

**Iain Campbell**, Mission Development Worker (West)

A practical workshop focussing on what helps and hinders us in sharing our faith, having more open and honest conversations about our faith, and looking at how the Fruit of God's Spirit in our lives impacts on relationships with friends, family, neighbours and colleagues.



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## **Messy Church: *an introduction* (am only)**

**Shirley Robertson**, Messy Church Co-ordinator (North East)

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. The morning workshop will discuss how to start up a Messy Church... including a taster session.

## **Messy Church: *ideas exchange* (pm only)**

**Shirley Robertson**, Messy Church Co-ordinator (North East)

The afternoon session will explore and encourage discussion on how we can bring discipleship opportunities to those already attending Messy Churches.

## **Young People: *Passing on the Faith* (am only)**

**Suzi Farrant**, Young People & Young Adult's Development Worker

52% of CofS congregations have fewer than 20 under 18 year olds involved so how can we pass on our faith to a new generation if we don't have enough children in our congregation to form a Junior Church? What is commonly seen as a problem actually offers a big opportunity! Come and discover some simple ways of reaching out to the children and young people in your local communities and developing your ministry with them. Through conversation, we will also share our own experiences and try to help one another think through the underlying issues developing ways to move forward.

## **Young People: *Sticky Faith* (pm only)**

**Suzi Farrant**, Young People & Young Adult's Development Worker

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 those children and young people already in our congregations 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 based on recent research from the Fuller Youth Institute.



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