

Programme for the Integral Mission Forum – ‘Church and Community’ event (Weds 18th and Thurs 19th May 2022)

Objectives / clearer take aways:

This forum we aim to achieve the following:

1. Examine the biblical mandate of the local church in society, with a particular focus on the local
2. Examine the strengths and challenges of different approaches being used in the Church and Community space both in the UK and globally
3. Identify key principles and helpful tools for use in this church and community space

Wednesday 18th May

Time	Topic and facilitation
10.30am - 11:30am	Arrival, registration, coffee and networking
11.30am - 12.00am	Icebreaker / Welcome session
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	<p>Session 1: Introduction and theological reflection: A reflection and interaction around our understanding of church and community (What is church / community etc etc, Pandemic etc)</p> <p>Objective: to set the scene and explore the intersection of church and community from a biblical and theological perspective</p>
1.45 pm - 2.15 pm	Break for networking
2.15 pm - 3.00 pm	<p>Session 2: Church mobilisation - a comparison of approaches (international) from Church and Community Transformation (Richard Lister & Esther Lindop, Tear Fund), Use your strengths (Sigurd Haus), Raising families (Alan Cutting, Samaritans Purse)</p> <p>Objective: To explore and learn from different approaches being used to mobilise local churches to engage with their local community, particularly in the majority world</p>
3.00pm - 3.30 pm	Break for tea/coffee and networking
3.30pm - 4.15pm	Session 2: Church mobilisation - a comparison of approaches (international) (cont)
4.15pm - 5.00pm	<p>Session 3: Serving community Together: The importance of Church unity in mission. David King and Mark Cowling from Movement Day</p> <p>Objective: To learn from the growing movement of churches working together across denominational boundaries to transform their communities in the UK</p>

5:00pm	END
Time TBC	Networking over evening meal

Thursday 19th May

Time	Topic and facilitation
09:30am – 09:40am	Welcome back to day 2
9.40am – 10:45am	<p>Session 4: Does community engagement lead to church growth and does it matter? - Presentations on empirical research from CUF (GRA:CE research project) by Hannah Rich + panel discussion (Richard Lister & Sigurd Haus)</p> <p>Objective: To engage with recent empirical research and experiential evidence to explore the connection between community engagement and church growth</p>
10:45am - 11:15am	Break for tea/coffee and networking
11:15am – 12:30pm	<p>Session 5: Community transformation in Birmingham - a comparison of approaches with Ash & Anjie Barker & Al Barrett</p> <p>Objective: To explore and learn from different approaches to community transformation being used within the UK urban context (specifically Birmingham)</p>
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Session 6: Conclusions and summing up
1.00pm	Lunch
2.15pm - 4.15pm	Departure / Visit to Leslie Newbiggin centre, Winson Green