



## Invitation to Eco-Congregation Scotland's Annual Gathering and AGM 2013

You are warmly invited to this year's *Gathering* on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10am to 3:15pm in Edinburgh

The theme is '**Food**'. Why is food important? What does the bible say about it? What can you do in your Eco-Congregation? We explore these issues and more at our *Annual Gathering*. Come join us!

We are delighted to welcome Rev David Atkinson and Rev Liz Henderson as our keynote speakers. There is a range of interesting workshops ranging from the local to the national and the international.

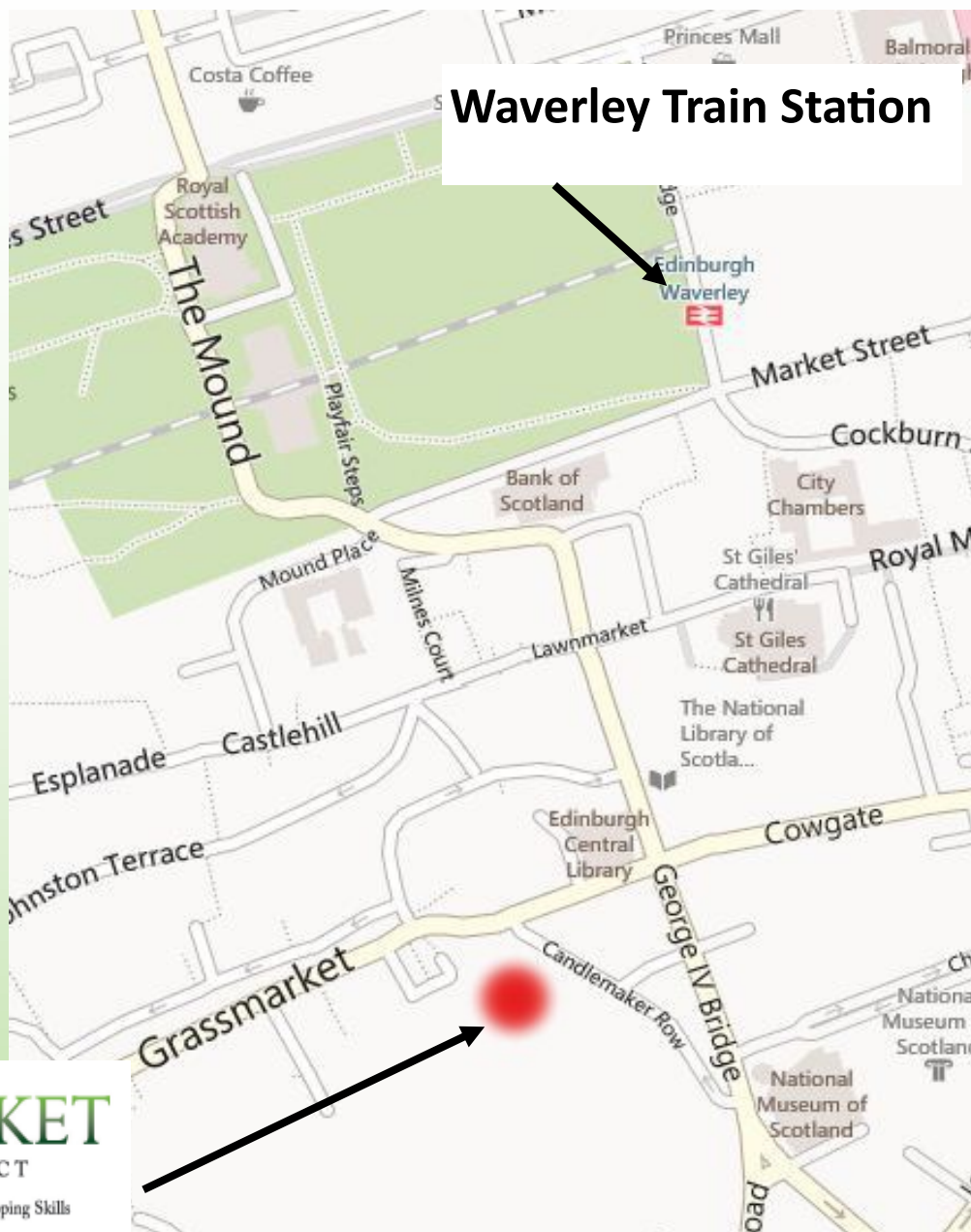
Send us your completed registration form and come join us on Saturday 20th April.

The Gathering will take place in:

The Grassmarket Community Project Hall

86 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, EH1 2QA

The Grassmarket Community Project makes our award plaques from recycled church pews.



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While everyone is warmly invited to attend the AGM, only charity members of Eco-Congregation Scotland are able to vote. Please contact us if you wish to become a member.

A light sustainably sourced lunch will be served.

Please complete the registration form and choose which workshops you would like to attend. You can access a word version of the registration form on the webpage [www.ecocongregationscotland.org/events/](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/events/) and email it to [oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk) or post it to us:

Eco-Congregation Scotland,  
121 George Street, Edinburgh  
EH2 4YN

# Eco-Congregation Scotland

## Annual Gathering

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012

10am – 3.15pm

Grassmarket Community Project Hall



### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

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CONGREGATION/ORGANISATION

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POSITION (if applicable)

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ADDRESS (email or postal)

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TELEPHONE

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SPECIAL DIET

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OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS

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(e.g. wheelchair access, loop system, etc)

**WORKSHOPS** please read workshop details on the next page. Choose **two workshops** from the list below

*The Nourish project*

*Just Eating?*

*The Global Food Crisis*

*Enough Food IF*

*Café Conversation*

*Funding for environmental projects*

**Please return this form by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013.** Please email or post it to:

Email: [oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk)

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For further information, please email [oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:oanshus@cofscotland.org.uk) or see our website [www.ecocongregationscotland.org/events/](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/events/)

## Annual Gathering programme

10am	Registration tea/coffee	11:40	Plenary discussion
10:30	Worship	12pm	Lunch
10:40	AGM	1pm	Workshop Session 1
11am	Rev David Atkinson	2pm	Workshop Session 2
11:20	Rev Liz Henderson	3pm	Closing discussion

*Finish at 3:15pm*

There is no booking fee for the conference; however, a contribution of £10 will be invited, to help us to cover costs. You can give your donation at the event or post a cheque to our address. Please make cheques payable to Eco-Congregation Scotland. We can also accept donations by BACS. Please contact us if you would like to do this.

### Workshop information

There are 6 workshops. They will all run twice to enable you to take part in two of them. Congregations are asked to bring something to share in the *Café Conversations* workshop. If you have anything you would like to display please bring it with you so people can see it at lunch time. We have extended lunch to allow for this and may have some display stands from other organisations

Please **choose two** workshops you would like to attend in your registration form:

***The Nourish project*** - Pete Ritchie, an organic farmer, will talk about his experience of getting local people involved in running his farm

***Café Conversation*** - an opportunity to sit round a table and share your church's environmental projects with other congregations, especially if they relate to food

**\*Please bring examples of your work if you have them\***

***Enough Food IF*** - Christian Aid and SCIAF presents the biggest mass campaign movement fighting poverty since Make Poverty History and explains how you can be come involved

***Funding for environmental projects*** - The Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and Community Energy Scotland will present what funding they have available for local community projects and how churches can apply for funding

***The Global Food Crisis*** - Where will our food come from in the future? Dr Neil Hollow has recently completed a doctorate in Environmental microbiology. He is co-author with Andy Mellen of "No oil in the lamp: Fuel, faith and the energy crisis" published by DLT which is written to alert Christians to the challenges of peak oil and the coming global energy crisis.

***Just Eating?*** - Presentation about a study programme published by the Presbyterian Church USA. A representative of a Scottish Eco-Congregation who has used these study materials will show how it works and explain what they have gained from it.

We will contact you with any changes to the programme and to confirm your registration and workshop choices with you.