



Programme for Local Networks Seminar 2013

11.00 Welcome (tea and coffee) and Opening Prayer

11.15 – 12.15 Ways of Understanding the Human Role in Creation

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How we and people in our congregations understand our relationship with creation affects our actions. If, for example, we have vaguely heard somewhere that we have 'dominion over creation' we might think that gives us *carte blanche* to treat the planet as we wish, for our sole benefit. But there are alternative, faith-based, pictures for that relationship, and they can inspire very different actions.

This is a chance to talk about some of these images and how they can inspire Eco Congregations to action.

12.15 – 12.45 Swap Shop I

This is what networks are all about! An opportunity to swap ideas and information with other representatives from networks across the country - what works (and what doesn't!) in your area? If you come from a network that has been going for some time, please bring a couple of ideas that have worked for you. If your network is new, come with any questions you might have – and your own fresh ideas!

12.45 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 2.00 Swap Shop II

2.00 – 3.15 Members' Topics

1. Plastics: how can we refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle? Are plastics collected and recycled in your local area and what are the national targets as we work towards Zero Waste Scotland?

2. Target 400: this is the number of eco-congregations we are aiming for by 2014. Registrations currently stand at 295. Making changes to save our planet is urgent. Can your network grow ECS in your area, taking it out to new congregations, your denomination or your local presbytery / diocese? What support do networks need for this work?

3. Lifestyle Choices: how do we get people to take the caring for creation message home? Reducing the carbon footprint of your church buildings may help save a few tonnes of CO₂ emissions but, on average, the households of every member of the congregation emit around 10-12 tonnes of carbon a year. Reducing individual carbon footprints is the only real answer but how do we do it?

3.15 – 3.30 Wrap up and close