



Local Networks Seminar 2014
Saturday 6th September, 11.00 – 15.30
Dunblane Cathedral Halls

MENU

10.45 – 11.00 *Hot Drinks*

Tea and coffee available on arrival

11.00 **Welcome, Introductions and Opening Prayer**

11.15 – 12.00 *Starters*

'For the Bible Tells me so?' Led by the Rev Trevor Jamison (Environmental Chaplain to Eco-Congregation Scotland)

Why do we hear different things about the environment? People read the same Bible yet derive different messages from it concerning the environment. This will help us understand why others don't see things the way we do and what we might do about that.

12.00 – 1.00 *Soup*

Intra-Networking

Mixing it up - networking between the networks. All networks, from time to time, struggle to encourage and inspire their members. Yet there is a whole host of experience and ideas tried and tested by individual networks. By each established network telling us about just ONE activity (speaker, visit, talk etc) that worked well in their area, we aim to start putting together a nourishing resource, which will have something for everyone.

1.00 – 1.30 *Sandwiches*

Lunch – we will provide tea and coffee but please bring your own “real” food.

1.30 – 3.00 *Main Course*

How do we engage with congregations and the general public? Adrian Shaw (the Church of Scotland's Climate Change Officer) will lead this session on:

- What works and what doesn't (which issues are hot and which are not!)
- Does carbon accounting interest people or is it a turn off?
- Is the debate about wind farms or about fracking a good starting point to get congregations talking?
- What are the controversial subjects in different network areas (an opportunity for each participant to input controversies and difficult issues in their area)?
- Can eco-congregations provide a safe space to talk about some of these difficult issues?

3.00 – 3.25 *Shopping Basket:*

What can you take away from this meeting - what is in your basket to take back to your network and what do you need to find on the shelves to stock your “network larder” for the coming year?

3.25 – 3.30 *Check Out ...!*

Farewells and close