



# Invitation to Eco- Congregation Scotland's Annual Gathering and AGM 2015

You are warmly invited to this year's Gathering on Saturday 25th April, 10am to 3.15pm at Falkirk Trinity Church, Falkirk.

The theme of this year's Gathering is **Preparing For Paris.**

This December leaders from around the world will meet in Paris to try and reach an international agreement on climate change. Come along to our Annual Gathering to find out what the Scottish government and voluntary organisations are doing to put pressure on world leaders for an agreement on climate change, and how to make your voice heard. We will also have practical workshops on making your congregations more climate-friendly.

We are delighted to welcome **Dr Aileen McLeod MSP**, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, and **Rev Kathy Galloway**, Head of Christian Aid Scotland.



**Dr Aileen McLeod** was born in East Kilbride and joined the SNP in 2004. After five years in Brussels as Head of Policy for an MEP, Aileen returned to Scotland in 2009 and worked as an aide to former Education Secretary Michael Russell. In 2011 Aileen was elected to the Scottish Parliament as an SNP Member on the South of Scotland list. She was appointed Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform on November 21, 2014.

**Rev Kathy Galloway** is a minister in the Church of Scotland and Head of Christian Aid in Scotland. Previously she was Leader of the Iona Community, the first woman to be elected to the post. She has acted as a consultant for, among others, the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, the European Industrial Mission and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Kathy lives in Glasgow and is a practical theologian, campaigner and writer.



A light lunch will be provided and teas and coffees available throughout the day.

# PROGRAMME

<b>10:00</b>	Registration, workshop sign-up, teas and coffees	<b>11:40</b>	Questions and discussion
<b>10:30</b>	Worship	<b>12:00</b>	Lunch
<b>10:40</b>	AGM	<b>13:00</b>	Workshops (1)
<b>11:00</b>	Keynote speaker: Dr Aileen McLeod	<b>14:00</b>	Workshops (2)
<b>11:20</b>	Keynote speaker: Rev Kathy Galloway	<b>15:00</b>	Closing discussion
		<b>15:15</b>	Finish

## DISPLAY STANDS

During the lunch hour there will be an opportunity to display material from your congregation or organisation. Please contact us if you plan to bring anything along.

## WORKSHOP INFORMATION

There are five workshops to choose from, and each will run twice to give you an opportunity to take part in two of the five options.

### **The Road to Paris**

Christian Aid and SCIAF will present a workshop on campaigning activities and how you can get involved in the run up to COP21 in Paris.

### **Climate Change: An Indian Perspective**

Rev Norman Hutcheson will lead a workshop on the work of the Church of South India on climate change based on his attendance at a Climate Change conference there and a period of ministry in Asia.

### **The Cowal Churches Project**

The architect Scott Wham is running a programme to examine and improve the energy efficiency of 29 church buildings in the Cowal peninsula of Argyll. Scott will use examples from these churches to lead a practical discussion about improving energy efficiency in your church building.

### **The Wise Group**

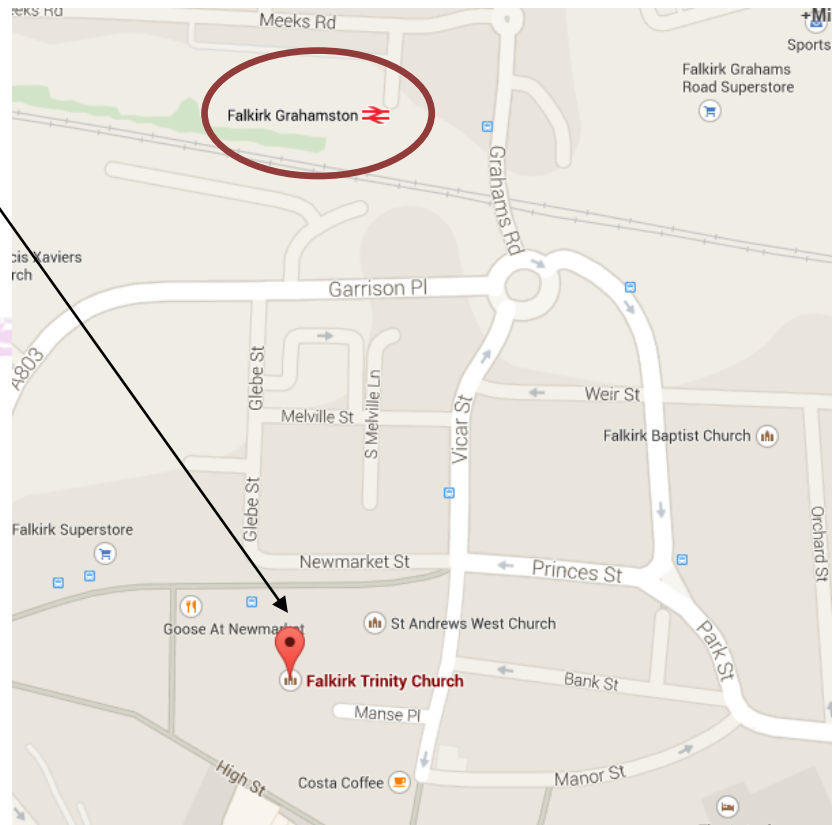
Practical action is an important corollary of campaigning. Lilian Delaney of the Wise Group will lead a workshop on energy efficiency advice and services for Churches.

### **Awards Workshop**

Why apply for an Eco-Congregation Award? Margaret Warnock and others from Eco-Congregation Scotland will present information on the awards scheme and explain the benefits it brings to your congregation.

## LOCATION

Falkirk Trinity Church  
Manse Place  
Falkirk  
FK1 1JN



The church can be reached on foot in less than ten minutes from Falkirk Grahamston station. There is no parking at the venue itself but you can park nearby at the Howgate Centre.

**NB** The conference is at Falkirk Trinity church, not the adjacent St. Andrew's West church! Entrance to the church is from the High Street.

**The venue has disabled access.**

## BOOKING YOUR PLACE

There is no booking fee from the conference; however, a donation of £15 is invited to cover the costs of the venue and catering. You can give us your donation on the day, post a cheque to our address (below), or pay by BACS. If you would like to pay by BACS, please contact us for details.

Please complete the attached registration form in order to book your place. **You will be able to sign up for your workshops on the day.**

A Word Document version of the registration form can be accessed on our webpage at <http://ecocongregationscotland.org/gathering> if you would like to email it to us ([mdobson@cofscotland.org.uk](mailto:mdobson@cofscotland.org.uk)); or you can print out the document attached to this invite and post it to us at:

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121 George Street  
Edinburgh  
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**NB** Whilst everybody is warmly invited to attend the Annual Gathering, only charity members of Eco-Congregation Scotland are able to vote in the AGM. Please contact us if your congregation wishes to become a member.



# BOOKING FORM

## Annual Gathering 2015



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements (e.g. allergies, vegetarian): \_\_\_\_\_

Access requirements (e.g. wheelchair): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by April 10, 2015.**

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**For further information and any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact us.**