



# Lay Voices: Conference 2014

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am to 4:30pm  
at the Centre for Life, Newcastle NE1 4EP

## THE PROGRAMME

Our purpose is to:

- affirm lay voices
- identify future trends and issues within the Church
- increase confidence to contribute in Church and Community

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**9:30**    **Arrival, refreshments and registration**

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**10:00**    **Welcome and Introduction to the day**

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**10:15**    **Worship**

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**10:30**    **Lay Voices in action**  
with **Emily Smith** (Sage Gateshead)

Objectives are to:

- increase confidence by doing something different
- relax *and* have fun

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**11:15**    **Refreshments and conversations**

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**11:45**    **Setting the future agenda**  
with **Nicholas Hills** (Archbishops' Council),  
Shane Waddle & Carol Wolstenholme

Objectives are to:

- set the scene by explaining what is happening nationally and locally in the Church
- consider the impact of change and culture for lay people and clergy in parish, deanery and diocese

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**12:30**    **LUNCH**

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## 13:30 Re imagining Ministry for the young

with Penny Stradling (Fresh Expressions/Church Mission Society)

*An interactive session to stimulate debate and discussion*

Objectives are to:

- **understand** the results of recent research about young people and Church
  - **stimulate** thinking about what this might mean for the Church of the future
  - **discuss** how lay voices can contribute to the debate
  - **hear** the voices of our own young people
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## 14:30 Refreshments

*(with time to experience the region's only 4D Motion ride, where you can see, feel and even smell the action courtesy of the Centre for Life)*

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## 15:00 The growth agenda

with David Goodhew (Cranmer Hall, Durham)

*An interactive session to stimulate debate and discussion*

Objectives are to:

- **explain** the philosophy of Church growth rather than managing decline
  - **help** people understand the different approaches to church growth and why it is creating controversy
  - **discuss** how lay voices can be heard and contribute to the debate
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## 16.00 What next?

- What will you do next?
  - Should we meet for Supper?
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## 16:15 Worship

## 16:30 Depart

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### Joining Instructions

#### Getting there

Location: Centre for Life, Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4EP

**On foot:** Located in Times Square just off Westmorland Road and Scotswood Road - a two-minute walk from Newcastle Central train and Metro station.

**By public transport:** Newcastle Central Station has passenger rail connections to all of the UK's main cities and towns. The Metro light rail system connects Newcastle, North Tyneside, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland. All public travel information including rail links and bus and Metro timetables is available from Nexus or Traveline on 0871 200 22 33.

**By bike:** There are plenty of cycle racks in Times Square for you to lock up your bike.

**By car:** Sat Nav reference: **NE4 7AD**

From North/South: Head east/west along the A1 past Lobley Hill. Merge onto the A184 and head east towards the A6082 (Redheugh Bridge). Slight left at A695/Scotswood Road. Head south toward A695/Plummer Street. Turn left at A695/Railway Street. Entrance to Times Square Car Park is on the right and the Life Science Centre is directly ahead. When driving through the city centre look out for Centre for Life and/or Times Square Car Park signage to direct you. Times Square Car Park is located two minutes' walk from the Life Science Centre.

**Car parking is free**, just bring your car parking ticket to the reception desk when you arrive at the Centre for Life.

#### Accessibility

If you have any special access requirements please get in touch with the Life Centre before the Conference by calling (0191) 243 8210, so that we can meet your needs.

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