

Scripture Union Northern Training Conference 24 - 26 February 2012



Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that we are writing to invite you to our latest Northern Training Conference, a collaboration between the two Northern Regions of Scripture Union, aimed at all who are involved in children's, youth or family ministry. Our weekend together will take place at Bawtry Hall near Doncaster from 24 - 26 February 2012, with prices held at last year's levels, starting from just £99.

This year's theme is 'Making an Impact'. The conference will continue to inspire and equip us to connect and engage effectively with children, young people and families. We will explore how to encourage today's generation towards deeper living for the kingdom of God.

We are delighted to welcome Nick Harding as our keynote speaker. Nick is children's mission support officer for the Anglican Diocese of Southwell, Notts. He is also an OFSTED inspector, Spring Harvest speaker, Scripture Union Volunteer and the author of a number of books for children's leaders.

Throughout the conference there will be time to share our ideas with each other. Once again we invite all delegates to follow one of three streams – there will be something relevant for everyone:

- **Growing Connections:** Over 90% of children and young people in the current generation in Britain have little or no regular connection with the church. If we are to take the gospel to this generation we will need to explore new ways of connecting with their world and new ways of sharing the gospel with them. This stream tackles these issues and will be applicable to your context.
- **Growing Faith:** This stream will take a very practical approach. We will explore ideas and look at resources that will grow faith in children, young people and families with whom we are in regular contact.
- **Growing Your Team:** Working with children and young people should never be a solitary task. This stream looks at how we can be more effective in developing the leaders who are part of our team, as well as growing new leadership. It will also address the importance of each of us developing ourselves as leaders.

Please consider whether you could join us for this weekend. It is our prayer that it will inspire and encourage many folk in their service for God. You are welcome to forward this email to any others you know who would benefit from attending. (We apologise if you have already received it from another route!) You can find further details and book online at www.scriptureunion.org.uk/ntc. If you have any queries please contact Barbara on 01661 843328 or BarbaraR@scriptureunion.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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