

# The Bible-Centred Youthworker Conference

**A Midweek Conference for Children's and Youth Workers**

High Leigh, Hertfordshire Mon 24 - Thu 27 January 2011

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The purpose, the message and the future  
of youth and children's work

Join us for this popular and growing conference

- # Hands-on help for your ministry
- # Small group fellowships for prayer and discussion
- # Engaging and relevant Bible teaching
- # Wide range of practical seminars
- # One-to-one sessions with experienced Christian workers

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## The purpose, the message and the future of youth and children's work

You may just be starting out in youth and children's work, or nearing the finishing line. Maybe you want help to keep going, and encouragement to stay in youthwork for the long-haul. You may work with the youngest children who are just starting to know the God who loves them; want to help a "tweenager" who has recently committed their life to Christ; or hope to encourage an older teen to live wholeheartedly for God for their whole life.

**J**oin us for this action-packed, practical, hands-on conference that will connect you with the advice and principles you need to be a leader from start to finish. As we open up the Bible together, we'll see what the Lord of youth and children's work reveals about Himself, the future we look forward to, and the message we teach.

Over the four days of this popular and growing conference, we aim to feed the minds of participating youthworkers, hone our Bible-handling skills, encourage our souls with the nourishment of God's Word, and spur each other on in the vital task we have before us.

This is the ninth in our annual series of residential conferences for those working with children and young people. Through an engaging mix of Bible-readings, talks, seminars and discussion groups we get to grips with what the Bible says about the purpose, message and future of children's and youth work. Great teaching, practical training, stirring encouragement and relaxed fellowship with people who face the same challenges and issues as you week by week.

### WHAT'S THE PROGRAMME?

The morning Bible readings by **Phil Moon** will set the agenda for the conference, as we explore the book of Revelation. More relaxed evening forums, led by **Trevor Archer**, will help us think about our own role as Christian workers and what this means in practice in our day-to-day lives.

Part of each day will be spent in fellowship groups wrestling with how we apply some of the teaching we have received. There will also be a wide range of practical seminars on offer to meet specific needs for both experienced youthworkers and those who are new to children's and youth work.

A unique feature of this conference is the time we spend each day in **Know & Tell Sessions**, where we get down and dirty with the basics of understanding, applying and teaching God's Word to the age groups we are working with. The feedback and insight from others that these sessions provide will be invaluable in helping us to improve our Bible-handling skills and communication techniques. This year, the Know & Tell groups will focus on teaching Christ from the Old Testament.

### We offer three options for these Know & Tell groups:

**A Newcomer.** If you have never been in this kind of group before, then this is the one to choose – a gentle non-threatening start!

**B Group practice.** You will be asked to do some preparation on one particular passage, but the group works together to produce talk programmes, outlines and presentation ideas.

**C Advanced.** Participants will be asked to present a full talk for critique.

**Please indicate when you book which type of group you would like to join.**

### WHO'S IT FOR?

We expect that most of the people attending this conference will be full-time children's or youth workers attached to a church, but we welcome anyone involved in other aspects of youth work on a part-time or voluntary basis, particularly those who are new to youth work, or those who may be wondering about whether they are called to youth work as a ministry.

## THE SPEAKERS



**Phil Moon** leads our morning Bible readings from Revelation. Phil is the vicar of Bishop Hannington Church in Brighton. He used to be the head of CYFA, a youth organisation within the CofE, and is co-author of *Christian Youth Work*.



**Trevor Archer** was pastor at Chessington Evangelical Church for over 20 years. He has recently been appointed as the Director of Training for FIEC (The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches).



**Rory Bell** is the Training Director of TnT Ministries. Rory and his wife, Kim, have masses of experience of children's work in their home country of South Africa.



**Dave Fenton** has led the youth work tracks at Keswick and Word Alive for many years. He is associate pastor of Christ Church Winchester.



**Ian Fry** ran the Youth Work course at Oak Hill Theological College in North London for eight years. He is now the pastor of Fetcham Community Church.

**Jeff Hammer** leads the scratch team of musicians at our conference. Jeff is a professional musician who is also an experienced youth worker.



**Alison Mitchell** was a youth worker and a schools worker, before moving to The Good Book Company as Children's Editor. She has a perfectly rational fear of spiders.



**Trevor Pearce** is an experienced youth worker who is on the staff at All Souls Langham Place. He is passionate about West Ham and his three daughters...



**Tim Thornborough** is the publisher at The Good Book Company and ran the youth work at a SW London church for many years. He now teaches 3-5s in Sunday School.



**A wide range of outside speakers will also be attending the event as seminar speakers.**

**Great application and really relevant to ministry and reality of it. Left me feeling confident in God!**

**Thanks again for a fantastic conference. It's such a great way to start the year: encouraging, challenging, motivating and inspiring, ta muchly!**



## VENUE

High Leigh Conference Centre is set in the heart of the Hertfordshire countryside within 40 acres of lawns, parkland and woodland. Accommodation is in a mixture of twin and single rooms, with full en-suite facilities. There are also a few standard rooms available, either twin or single, with bathroom facilities close by. Standard rooms cost £29 less than en-suite, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## FEES & BOOKING

**Pay at last year's rates** if you book before Monday 13th December: £239 (en-suite) or £210 (standard). Fees after December 13th are: £249 (en-suite) or £220 (standard). The conference fee includes full board and all materials. You will need to pay a non-returnable deposit of £30 when you book. We can invoice your church/organisation for the remainder. Book online at [www.thegoodbook.co.uk/fromstarttofinish](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/fromstarttofinish) (£1.25 booking fee) or use the form below (£2.50 booking fee for postal or phone bookings).

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## THE GOOD BOOK COMPANY

Our passion as an organisation is to get the Bible to work in people's lives and ministries. This conference has grown out of our popular series of training days for youth and children's leaders.



**Great – a real highlight of my year.**

**Absolutely fantastic! Wonderfully clear, very challenging, great model.**

**Spoke directly into my situation.**

**Excellent, engaging, clear, challenging and hopeful.**

## WHERE AND WHEN

The conference starts with tea at 4.30pm on Monday 24th January. First session at 5.00pm. The conference finishes with lunch (1.00pm) on Thursday 27th January.

High Leigh Conference Centre is only 7 miles from Junction 25 of the M25. Broxbourne is the closest mainline station. (There is a regular service from London Liverpool Street.) Stansted Airport is 45 minutes away by road or a 35-minute train journey from Broxbourne.

We can arrange transfers from Broxbourne or Stansted for the start and end of the conference (from start to finish!)

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Your age: 18-21  22-29  30s  40s  50+

Age range you principally work with:

No of years' experience:

No of years as a full-timer:

Male  Female  Sontaran

Know & Tell (gobbet) groups (please tick your choice)

**A:** newcomer  **B:** group practice  **C:** advanced

Musical instrument I can play/would bring: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Early-bird rates. See top of this page for fees if booking after Dec 13th.

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