



Counselling as Mission Think-tank

10.00 to 16.00 Tuesday 12 March 2013

Venue: Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX

Facilitators

In addition to ideas and contributions from participants, the following will make presentations based on their experience of using counselling as mission:

Harry Hoffmann, coordinator of the World Evangelical Alliance—Mission Commission—Global Member Care Network

Dr Bradford Smith, Lausanne Senior Associate for Care and Counsel as Mission, Director of Care and Counsel International and a psychologist based in Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Dr John Warlow, Australian psychiatrist, on the Lausanne Care and Counsel as Mission Global Leadership Team and Lausanne Care and Counsel as Mission representative for Asia/Pacific

Roger Day, psychotherapist, trainer and strategic partner in the Midlands

Aim

This think-tank brings together people who want to see **counselling, psychology and psychiatry** as well as **psychosocial** approaches expanded and developed as a **vital part of mission strategy worldwide**. It will explore the vision, strategies, goals and motivation. It will look at ways to **empower the church in majority world situations** to provide local care **to meet people' emotional needs**. Besides relationship building, it will determine if the vision is being shared by people in the UK and define what that means in terms of strategies, goals and motivation in the context of the people and agencies present.

Cost

£30 per person, including buffet lunch and refreshments morning and afternoon.

Note

We want people still to attend the **Soul Care in Member Care** event from 13 to 14 March 2013. The closeness of the dates is because we want to take the opportunity of having all key partners in the UK at the same time.

Background

The World Evangelical Alliance – Mission Commission – Global Member Care Network (GMCN) recognises that many **member care practitioners** around the world are working not only with mission partners but also with **local people in direct counselling and training/capacity building** in local/national churches.

Contexts include:

Catastrophes

Crisis counselling

Historic national trauma

Responding to **church requests for People Helper training**

Supervision/consulting with local caregivers working in churches and local ministries such as orphanages, street children and anti-trafficking

The Lausanne movement's **Care and Counsel as Mission** initiative seeks to respond to the unprecedented level of global mental health needs both within the church and beyond. It observes that most of the **major public health problems** in the world **have a psychosocial component**. It wants to see 'a new paradigm for mutual learning, empowering and training of mental health professionals, lay persons and pastors worldwide'. It seeks to base this on principles that are Christian, holistic, systemic, indigenous and collaborative.

The think-tank will seek to bring together both these perspectives in starting to develop strategies.

Who is it for?

This think-tank is intended for people from: Global Connections Member Care, 'Thinking Mission' Relief & Development forums and related forums; Association of Christian Counsellors; British Association of Christians in Psychology; mission strategists; and others with a heart for counselling as mission.

Booking

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