



Conversations on Pioneering: Research and Reflections

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Plenaries

Doug Gay – Rip It Up And Start Again? (1 can...)

Doug is a Church of Scotland minister, a lecturer in practical theology at the University of Glasgow and a practitioner and reflector of alt worship and emerging church. He is author of *Remixing The Church – The Five Moves of Emerging Ecclesiology*.

Liz Sercombe – Walking in the Dark

Elizabeth Sercombe is the managing director of evolute, a human transformation consultancy based in Devon. Her PhD thesis was on people's inner transformation at different life stages, as represented in the work of French writer Pierrette Fleutiaux. Elizabeth recently piloted the world's first Surfing Chaos and Complexity Leadership programme (with actual surfing). One day she plans to run a surf monastery.

Seminars

Anna Thompson – Transformation: a 'how to' guide.

We'll look at the results of research into urban contextual ministry, aiming to understand how individuals experience transformation. We will explore the primary importance of how ministry is conducted, the ordinary methodology which both enables and critiques understandings of transformation.

Beth Keith – The pioneer journey

While pioneering is often referred to as starting something new, qualitative research of pioneers showed a process of discontinuity as a route towards the possibility of planting--highlighting the effect the church context plays and the importance of mission organisations in supporting pioneers to move beyond discontinuity and into contextual engagement.

Andrea Campanale – Pioneering communities that practice vulnerability and seek to overcome shame

An opportunity to explore how a gospel that frees from shame might be more relevant in a postmodern Western culture than one which deals with sin and guilt. What are the implications for mission, discipleship and worship in developing fresh expressions of church where spiritual seekers can experience healing and acceptance?

Jim Barker – Pioneering, Learning and Practice

Unpack what is termed a 'community of practice' and explore how this model of learning and doing might challenge some of our assumptions about the practice and learning of pioneering. The workshop comes off the back of research Jim did for his MA at Lancaster in 2012.

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