Trainer

Colin Patterson is Assistant Director of Bridge Builders, and an Anglican priest. He has worked as a training officer for the Diocese of Durham, and is an experienced adult educator. Author of the Grove booklet *How to Learn Through Conflict,* he is also a contributor to *101 Great Ideas for Growing Healthy Churches.*

Quotes from past workshop participants

Lots of humour — not too intense.

Going away with much to think and pray about.

Helpful for thinking through difficult issues and seeing practical responses.

A great introduction to a huge topic. These insights will serve you well in other areas of ministry too.

About Bridge Builders

Bridge Builders seeks to transform the culture of the church in relation to how leaders lead and the way conflict is handled. We aim to strengthen the ministry of Christian leaders, by helping them to be more self-aware, and to develop greater skills, confidence and resilience for working with tensions and conflict in the church.

Bridge Builders offers a range of training courses and workshops, and leads tailored learning events on request. In addition we provide coaching, consultancy and mediation services.

Find out more at www.bbministries.org.uk

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A challenge

In the thirty years since the internet was launched, electronic media have taken over the way human beings communicate. One result is that email and (more recently) social networking have become an everyday part of church life.

There are huge benefits, but there are problems too. Misunderstanding and offence can always spring up where communication is careless, but now disagreements in church life have a whole new face. Churches have bitter experience of the damage done by ill-considered emails and social media postings — which can be the spark that lights a fire, or the fuel that helps stoke it up.

This all presents challenges — both spiritual and practical — for people in pastoral leadership. How to model and encourage wise use of written words? How to respond to conflicts that seem to spring up out of nowhere? What policies or systems to adopt as conflict-prevention measures? What biblical insights to draw on?

Want to be better equipped?

This workshop offers theological principles and also frameworks for good practice. It is designed for people who are part of a church's leadership group (e.g. a staff team, ministry team, eldership, diaconate, church council), especially those with pastoral responsibility. As with all Bridge Builders' training, the aim is to encourage and equip.

Programme

Running from 9.30 to 4.30, the programme includes worship, presentations, case-studies, and hands-on skills training.

- Review your own use of electronic communication, and devise a personal list of dos and don'ts
- See how inappropriate communication may be part of a wider pattern of behaviour
- Add to your tool-kit of possible responses
- Plan how to help your church explore the whole business of responsible electronic communication
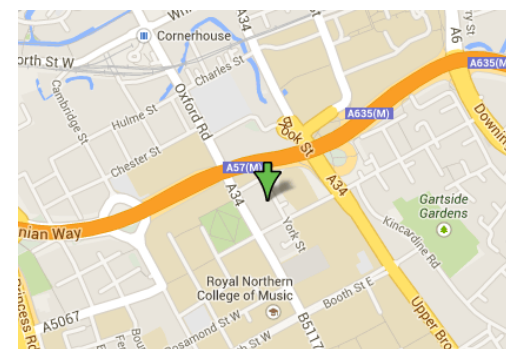
Cost

£65 per person

This includes training materials, refreshments and a simple buffet lunch.

Venue

Kings House

Sidney St

Manchester

M1 7HB

www.kingshouse.co.uk

The King's House Conference Centre is in the centre of Manchester, a 6-minute walk from Oxford Road railway station and a 10-minute walk from the St Peter's Square metro-link tram stop. Nearest all-day parking is at NCP, Chester Street.

How to Book

Please complete the online form at www.bbministries.org.uk (under Training/Open Workshops) and then pay the fee, to secure a place.

Cancellations before Sunday, 29 January will receive a 50% refund. Thereafter no refund will be provided.

Full contact details for Bridge Builders are on the back panel.