

Trainer

About Bridge Builders



Sandra Cobbin is a Bridge Builders Training Partner. She is an independent consultant and trainer, who runs her own company, Clarity Development. Sandra works with business and church leaders and leadership teams, developing management and leadership skills and confidence. She lives in Coventry.



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

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.

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Handling Power in Leadership

A workshop training day for people in church leadership

Wednesday 5 April 2017

Queens Foundation

Birmingham

9.30–4.30

Transforming church culture

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Blindness to Power

The beatitudes picture the kingdom of God as a realm where normal human assumptions are turned upside down. Those who seem powerless are promised blessing. God invites us to stop seeing ourselves as victims, and rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

And yet churches, as much as any other part of society, get caught up in power struggles. Leaders can feel oppressed by dominant families, in-groups or individuals. Equally, ordinary members can be driven to despair by domineering leaders.

It all gives power a bad name – an unseemly thing for Christians even to talk about.

But what if we see power as something that is simply a fact of life? What if no one is powerless, and everyone can choose how to use what power they have – for good or for evil? This way of understanding power brings both liberty and responsibility. Especially for leaders, it means seeing power as a gift and using it wisely.

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, group work and personal reflection.

- Extend your ideas about what power is, and the ways in which it can be exercised
- Review what Jesus taught and modelled about power struggles
- Understand why people caught up in conflict feel powerless
- Recognise more fully the power that you personally have, and what you can choose to do with it

Cost

£65 per person

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

Venue

Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education
Somerset Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham B15 2QH

www.queens.ac.uk

Queens is easiest to get to by rail. It's a 5 minute walk from the University Railway



Station which is just 5 minutes on a local line from Birmingham New Street. An easy walk through the leafy suburbs of Edgbaston. There is no car-parking on site, some in nearby streets.

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, 26 March will receive a 50% refund. Thereafter no refund will be provided.

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

