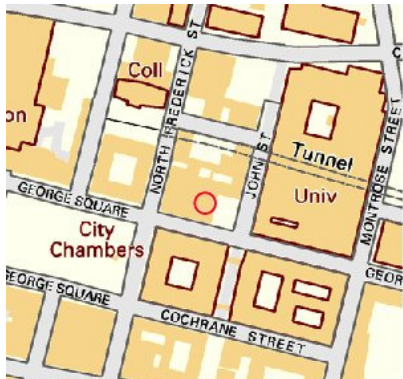


PROGRAMME

10am	Registration & Coffee
10.30am	Introductions by Church Leaders
11.10am	Workshops
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Workshops
2.15pm	Dr Cecilia Clegg, Centre for Theology and Public Issues, Edinburgh University (<i>co-author of "Moving Beyond Sectarianism", Irish School of Ecumenics, 2001</i>)
2.45pm	Coffee
3pm	Fergus Ewing, MSP (Minister for Community Safety)
3.30pm	Panel – including Rev David Lunan (Church of Scotland), Dr Cecilia Clegg, Fergus Ewing MSP
4pm	Close



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"Part of the Solution?" - Churches & Tackling Sectarianism

Conference Programme

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MORNING WORKSHOPS

These morning workshops focus on examples of local good practice where churches working together are making a difference

1) Bridging the Gap (Ian Galloway)

Bridging the Gap is a community project serving the Gorbals. At present it supports children through homework clubs and a peer tutoring programme and supports refugee and asylum seekers by offering a drop-in facility, English classes and advice and information in association with other local organisations and volunteers.

2) Drumchapel Partnership (Kathryn Price)

Six congregations of four denominations, and a family/community project, are covenanted together in a grass-roots-inspired partnership. What is striking, apart from the extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment of those involved, is that the Partnership has strengthened not only relationships between the churches but also relationships between church and community.

3) Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (Irene Gibson)

Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre provides a range of facilities for the people of Orbiston (Bellshill). Our overall mission is clearly defined as seeking to bring together the people of Orbiston in a bid to help combat the injustice of poverty, isolation and intolerance, irrespective of age, ability, race, religious persuasion or none.

4) Focolare (Irene Jovaras)

The Focolare Movement is an international movement, inspired by the gospel, working for unity in all spheres of life. For over sixty years it has drawn together people of all Christian traditions and from many of the world's religions, alongside people with no formal faith, who share the aim of building a more united world.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

These afternoon workshops focus on examples of good practice from organisations in which churches are working together (with others) to make a difference.

1) Sense over Sectarianism (Elisabeth Spence)

SoS exists to enable people to challenge the existing attitudes, behaviour and assumptions which contribute to bigotry, sectarianism and division within society. The Partnership consists of 6 organisations in Glasgow: Glasgow City Council, Nil By Mouth, Rangers FC, Celtic FC, Glasgow Presbytery of the Church of Scotland, Archdiocese of Glasgow Roman Catholic Church.

2) Faith in Community Scotland (Pauline Edmiston)

FiCS has been active in making a real difference in many of the economically poorest communities in Scotland. Faith communities and individual people of faith already make a massive and positive contribution to the life of Scotland every year; FiCS aims to support and harness some of that energy in order that we can achieve even more. It is about tackling the consequences of poverty, empowering local people, taking sides and working in partnership.

3) Unity Enterprise (Margaret McCarthy)

Unity Enterprise is a Scottish inter-church charity whose vision is to become the leader in innovative and quality service on behalf of individuals and communities. It is committed to promoting the ability of people for full cultural, social, and economic inclusion within their community; its purpose is to provide a range and quality of services which assist in empowering individuals, enriching their lives and enabling them to achieve positive outcomes.

4) Ecumenism & Tackling Sectarianism (Stephen Smyth)

Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) is Scotland's national ecumenical instrument, bringing together nine denominations in Scotland who share a desire for: greater oneness between churches, a growth of understanding and common life between churches, and unified action in proclaiming and responding to the gospel in the whole of life.