

URC Children's Workers Together

THE CONFERENCE

Exploring how we work with children together



FRIDAY PROGRAMME

5pm Arrivals in time for dinner

6pm Dinner

7pm Welcome and worship

7:30 Session One : Interactive getting to know you session

8:30 Free time / late-night programme offered (board games, jigsaw etc)

10 pm Bedtime story

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 Worship and Keynote

10:30 Coffee

11am Small groups – to discuss the keynote content

11:30 Session Two – Workshops (see attached list)

12:30 Lunch.

1:30 Session Three - Workshops

2:30 Break – explore the marketplace and bookstalls.

3pm Session Four: Exploring Seasonal resources and ideas.

4:30 Small Focussed Group

5:30 Break

6pm Dinner

7:15 Family Film night experience

9:15 Free time, Bedtime story

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 Keynote and small groups

10:30 Coffee

11am Ask the panel.

11:30 Worship – Brick Church

12:30 Lunch and leave

PROPOSED WORKSHOP OPTIONS

- **Child Participation** : How do we enable children to participate fully including having their voice heard in our planning, evaluation and within the sessions
- **Intergenerational ministry**: Theology of intergenerational discipleship and how we develop it in our churches
- **Storytelling**: We are story based disciples. How do we share our stories intergenerationally and use stories in our ministry to support spirituality?
- **Music in ministry**: From Psalms to contemporary music, how do we use music within our sessions to enable children to explore and respond to God.

EXPLORING SEASONS OPTIONS

- **Seasons of life**: marking transitions, Baptisms (infant and adult) and communion
- **Outdoor church**: How can we use the outdoors for our worship through the seasons of the year?
- **Seasons of the Christian calendar**: how can we celebrate these with children, especially the less common ones such as Pentecost and Ascension?
- **Difficult seasons of life**: How do we support children through the potential difficult times such as grief and loss, Mothers' Day etc