



CHURCH ACTION  
ON POVERTY

In partnership with

**Church Urban Fund**



Oastler Centre



Greater Manchester  
Churches Together



Leeds Church Institute  
Mission in London's Economy  
Urban Mission Development Project

'To follow (the Word made flesh) ...in the months ahead will mean... asking repeatedly what is asked of us locally to care for those who bear the heaviest burdens in the wake of our economic crisis – without waiting for the magical solution let alone the return of good times.' Archbishop of Canterbury

Church Action on Poverty Registered Charity no 1079986, Co Ltd by Guarantee no 3780243

# Faith community responses to the economic crisis



**21 September : Manchester**  
*Faithful cities in a time of economic crisis*

**20 October : Bristol**  
*Homes or assets? Restoring faith in housing*

**21 October : Birmingham**  
*Urban mission and community transformation*

**14 November : Sheffield**  
*Redefining prosperity*

**17 November : London**  
*Unemployment and the future of work*

**23 November : Leeds**  
*Ethics and finance after the crisis*

**2 December : Newcastle**  
*Developing our Communities*

In the face of the current unprecedented economic crisis, it is important for faith communities to reflect on the many challenges that we are now faced with – and which will have profound impacts on families, communities, jobs, housing, financial services and wider economies for years to come.

The Churches have rich resources to draw on – not least the succession of commissions and reports on church, society and economy. What insights can we gain from revisiting this work – and how much does the new situation require new thinking?

**Manchester, 11am – 4pm, 21 Sept : Faithful cities in a time of economic crisis**  
Roundtable on impact of recession on cities, with Sir Howard Bernstein (Manchester City Council) Prof Hilary Russell and Tom Bloxham (Urban Splash) \*, with Greater Manchester Churches Together.

**Bristol, 11am – 3.30pm, 20 Oct : Homes or assets? Restoring faith in housing**  
Roundtable event on future of affordable housing, with Neil Griffiths, National Housing Federation and Jacqui McCluskey, Homeless Link, organised with Housing Justice.

**Birmingham 21 Oct : Acts 4:35 - A strategy for our time?**  
Equipping lay people for mission in urban contexts and CAP/Housing Justice 'Enough for All' campaign. Organised by Urban Mission Development Project.

**Sheffield, 10.30am – 4pm, 14 Nov : Redefining prosperity**  
CAP annual conference with Professor Tim Jackson (Sustainable Development Commission), Ann Pettifor (Jubilee 2000 etc) & Cathy McCormack (Easterhouse).

**London, 11am – 4m, 17 Nov : Unemployment and the future of work**  
Roundtable event on responses to unemployment with David Coats (Work Foundation) and Stephen Timms MP, with Church Urban Fund, Mission in London's Economy and Faith Regen Foundation.

**Leeds, 10am – 2pm, 23 Nov : Ethics and finance after the crisis**  
Organised by Oastler Centre & Leeds Church Institute, with John Madeley (economic journalist), Professor Simon Robinson (Leeds Met) and Toby Blume (Urban Forum).

**Newcastle, 10am – 3.30pm 2 Dec : Developing our communities Patterns of Empowerment**  
Exploring community development approaches to tackling issues of justice and community cohesion in the North East. Organised by CAP NE with Churches Regional Commission North East.

\* To be confirmed

## Booking form

I would like to book a place at the following event(s). Please photocopy for additional bookings.

- Manchester - 21 September (£20/£5)**  
Faithful cities in a time of economic crisis
- Bristol - 20 October (£20/£5)**  
Homes or assets? Restoring faith in housing
- Birmingham - 21 October (£10/£5)**  
Urban mission/community transformation
- Sheffield - 14 November (£10/£3)**  
Redefining prosperity
- London - 17 November (£20/£5)**  
Unemployment and the future of work
- Leeds - 23 November (free)**  
Ethics and finance after the crisis
- Newcastle - 2 December (£2)**  
Developing our communities

Name .....

Organisation .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Email .....

Dietary requirements.....

Special needs.....

I enclose a payment of £\_\_\_\_\_ (where applicable) *Cheques payable to Church Action on Poverty please.*

Please return by email to: [janeta@church-poverty.org.uk](mailto:janeta@church-poverty.org.uk), fax to 0161 237 5359 or post to CAP, Central Buildings, Oldham St, M1 1JQ