



Church of Ireland
Board of Education (NI)

AUTUMN 2017

NEWSBRIEF

NEWS, UPDATES AND RESOURCES IN EDUCATION, SAFEGUARDING TRUST AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SAFEGUARDING

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE INTERNET

We are delivering six training evenings for those who work with children and young people.

Each session will provide a presentation that can be used by leaders to deliver to their children and young people to promote good practice when using technology. There will be a trainer from the Safeguarding Board for NI outlining their new material 'Virtual Reality' for working with children and young people. Our own Child Protection Officer, Margaret Yarr, will be sharing the details of the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Guide to Social Media and other e-communication. 7.30pm - 9.30pm. There is no charge but places are limited.

8th November - Londonderry, Derry Diocesan Office
9th November - Belfast, Belvoir Parish Hall
15th November - Enniskillen, St Marcartan's Cathedral Hall
16th November - Armagh, Armagh Synod Hall
21st November - Portadown, Seagoe Parish Hall
23rd November - Ballymena, St Patrick's Parish Hall

Places at these events can be booked by contacting Mrs Claire Geoghegan at 028 9082 8860 or email: Claire.Geoghegan@rcbdub.org



EDUCATION

Education budgets continue to be cut and schools need as much support as possible in this difficult economic climate. We are indebted to all those who act as Transferor Governors in our schools. There are approximately 700 Church of Ireland representatives in schools in Northern Ireland acting as Transferor Governors. Currently about 5% of our places are not filled and there is a danger that if these places are not filled we will lose them and never get them back. Next year the reconstitution

of governors will be taking place. We hope to write out to all Transferor Governors soon and ask for feedback on how we can better support them. With the creation of the Controlled Schools Support Council there is a real opportunity to provide more support and training for Transferor Governors. Please give consideration to those who are appointed as Transferor Governors for the next cycle beginning in 2018. The role of a governor is vital and brings the church together with the local school

community. Some governors will wish to remain and others may wish to withdraw but it is essential that we fill all the vacant places with people who wish to serve their local school and community. There is no previous experience required to be a governor and there is no requirement to have any experience within the education sector. Those who can bring specialist skills in business and legal experience are welcome but anyone with a heart for their local school can become a governor.

MINISTRY RESOURCES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

The Network is comprised of a representative from each diocese nominated by the Bishop and also a member of the House of Bishops, the Board of Education Secretaries, the Church of Ireland Youth Department Ministry Co-ordinator and up to three co-opted members including a representative from the Sunday School Society.

RESOURCES: The Network aims to provide up-to-date information on a range of curriculum and other resources for use in children's ministry in parishes. More information including our latest newsletter can be found on:

<http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/childrens-ministry-network/>



All Together Now: bringing generations together



A one-day conference,
streamed live online

Tuesday 10 October
2017, 10am-3pm

ALL TOGETHER NOW explores what it means to be an intergenerational Church community. It will help you to think intentionally about being a Church of different generations. The conference includes reflections on theory as well as practice, and you'll also have an opportunity to see intergenerational ministry in action!

Who's the event for: Anyone engaging with different generations in church life.

Speakers include:

- **Eleanor Bird** (Head of Children and Youth Ministry, St Chad's Church, Romiley)
- **Martyn Payne** (Messy Church team member)
- **Gareth Crispin** (Youth, Children & Families Minister, St John's Church, Lindow)

Venue: Anywhere! Enjoy the conference from the comfort of your own sofa or office. Gather with people local to you or find a hosted event nearby!

Find out more and register your interest at:
www.methodist.org.uk/alltogethernow

The Methodist Church  

All Together Now

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/families/events/all-together-now>

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WHAT: A **FREE** one day, live streamed conference exploring what it means to be intergenerational church community. What is it? What does it look like? How could it happen in my setting? What difference could it make to my congregation? Is it all-age worship repackaged? This event will help you to think intentionally about being a church of different generations. Reflecting on both theory and practice - see intergenerational ministry in action!

WHERE: Anywhere! Come as you are! Enjoy all the rewards of this one day live-streamed conference with friends and colleagues from the comfort of your own sofa or office.

WHO: It's for anyone engaging with different generations in church services and events.

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