

300 Christian charity leaders aim to be the best

Over 300 Christian leaders from charities across the UK will gather this November for a 3-day conference, *Aiming4Excellence*, to look at what it means to lead their charities and the sector with excellence in today's changed, and changing, world.

David Bendor-Samuel, Chief Executive of Memralife Group said "Christian Charities add enormous value to society and are daily changing the lives of tens of thousands across the UK. As leaders we are committed to serving with excellence and as Christians we are called to lead society towards the gospel values of justice, opportunity and compassion. This conference is uniquely placed to help us do both."

Conference speakers include Right Rev James Jones (Bishop of Liverpool), Dame Suzi Leather (Chair of Charity Commission) and Sir Peter Vardy (Chairman of the Vardy Group of companies), each drawing on their expertise of excellence in their fields. Commenting after the initial *Aiming4Excellence* conference in 2007, one delegate said "I have learned the answers to questions I didn't know I had to ask". Another said "the calibre of speakers in the plenary sessions attested to the standards of excellence to which we were very encouraged to aspire".

Covering issues of partnership, benchmarking, operations and governance, this year's plenary sessions will ask questions including "What is God's view of excellence and how should this inspire us to operate differently from the world?" and "What are the current issues and challenges within the Christian charity sector?" The programme also includes a practical and relevant seminar programme, an update from the Charity Commission, legal updates in a number of areas, as well as time for worship, prayer and biblical teaching.

Opportunities for networking, cited by delegates in 2007 as a main reason for attending, have been boosted with more time being given in late-evening for informal conversations and meetings, plus the popular *Speed Networking* session will give delegates the chance to make contact with dozens of others in a relaxed environment.

More information can be found at www.aiming4excellence.org or by calling 01825 748873 for a brochure.

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Editor's notes

Aiming 4 Excellence will take place at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick from Monday 29 November to Wednesday 1 December 2010. Prices start from just £167 inclusive of programme, accommodation, meals and refreshments. A discount of £20 per person is available for smaller organisations subject to terms and conditions.

Delivered by a partnership of Anthony Collins Solicitors, Evangelical Alliance, Global Connections, Spring Harvest and Stewardship, *Aiming4Excellence* will gather together Boards, Trustees, Chief Executives, Managing Directors, Finance Directors, HR Directors and Senior executives from around 200 Christian charities. It will also be useful for up and coming leaders and those being mentored into a leadership role.

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