

MARCH 24TH – 26TH 2023
INFORMATION & PROGRAMME

#CYSHALOM



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Information

This information should provide you with all you need to know before your arrival and also at the event, so please do take time to read it through. If you have any specific questions feel free to contact the Events Unit or the Children and Youth Department.

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Share your thoughts and insights throughout the weekend on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, use the hashtag - #CYSHALOM

WELCOME TO SHALOM

We want to take this opportunity to say how great it is that you will be joining us at this year's Youth and Children's Leaders Conference: Shalom. The Children and Youth (CY) team are really looking forward to sharing this weekend together.

At Shalom, we're inviting you to consider what it would look like to be an army of 'Shalom-makers' - to live out a new way of life and love. Shalom love is not love at a distance, not love in the abstract. It's a militant love, struggling for the liberation of every child and young person to find wholeness, justice, salvation and community. It means connectedness with others. With creation. With God.

Often the word shalom is translated as peace within the Christian tradition. However, our modern notions of peace reduce the depth and breadth of all that shalom embraces. It's like choosing to watch an old black and white TV in the corner of the living room rather than the 4k Ultra HD screen with 360-degree sound. Shalom is a multi-coloured, three-dimensional peace. It reaches beyond peace and draws in other concepts: wholeness, well-being, hope, salvation, justice, and righteousness to name a few.

Put simply, shalom is the word we use to say how things should be. How things should be personally, how they should be experienced in community, how humans should engage with the environment and how nations and societies should live together.

Shalom is only present because of God's presence amongst us. From Genesis to

Revelation, where God is, shalom is close by. 'God with us' has always and will always mean that this vision of how life should be is available for everyone.

For many children and young people shalom seems a distant hope. Isolation, low self-worth, and struggles with poor mental health are everyday realities for many young people. The climate crisis, parents choosing between feeding the electric meter or feeding the children, and the war in Ukraine are evidence that shalom seems far off.

Yet, even in these desperate times, as the world seeks to emerge from a devastating pandemic, we can find young people who are engaged in shalom-making. Where justice is required - as we've seen in the cases of environmental and racial justice - it's often young people who lead the rest of the world. It may well be that it is through young people that the world experiences this 3D version of peace. As children and youth workers it may not be just about bringing shalom to young people but also receiving it from them and learning to share in it with them.

We are praying that shalom will be a significant event in your own journey of discipleship and service and that the time that we share together will be a catalyst for even greater things at a local level. As we prepare, let us open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and listen for God who is with us.

Shalom

Children and Youth Team

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...



VENUE

The Slate Conference Centre at The University of Warwick is in the heart of the UK and is easily accessible from across the UK.

HOW TO FIND THE VENUE

Radcliffe and The Slate - CV4 7SH

This postcode will direct you to Gibbet Hill Road, the main road through the university.

Follow signs for Lakeside Village, you'll then find signposts for Radcliffe and Scarman.



Easily accessible from many major routes: M1, M6, M5, M42, A5 and A14



Birmingham International Airport is approximately 20 minutes away

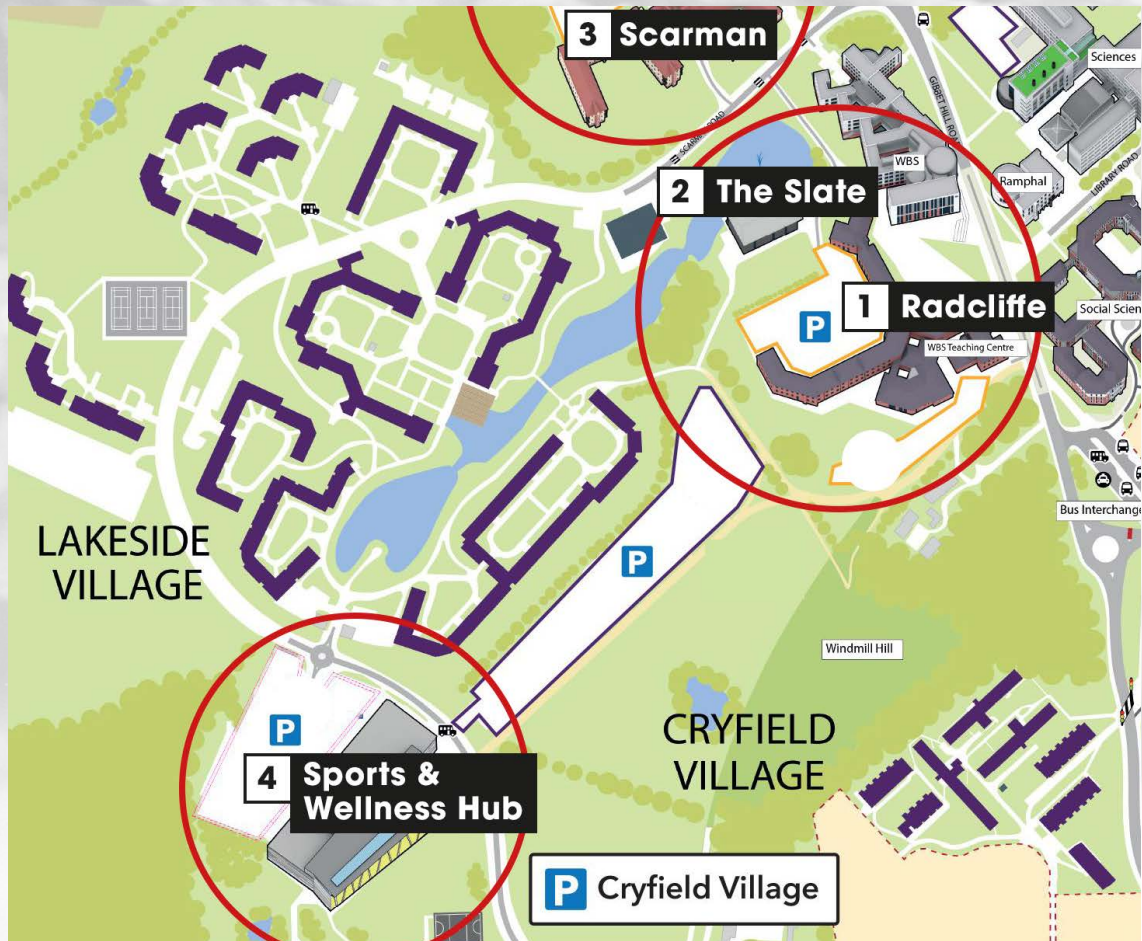


Coventry is on the West Coast Mainline and serviced by regular trains, seven days a week



Regular buses from the university campus to Coventry city centre and rail station. Taxis are available at the bus terminal

VENUES AT A GLANCE



1 Radcliffe

- Conference car parking
- Registration from 15.00
- Accommodation in comfortable ensuite bedrooms. All rooms have Wi-Fi, TV, tea and coffee making facilities, a hairdryer, towels and toiletries. Please note that rooms are not serviced during the stay.
- Restaurant
- Spacious bar and lounge area
- Refreshment and snack stations
- Seminar and social spaces
- Outdoor courtyard for morning prayer and reflection

2 The Slate

- Main venue, Slate 1
- After hours, Slate 1
- Marketplace, Slate 2
- Table games, Slate foyer

3 Scarman

- Seminar spaces (rooms 29 and 31)

4 Sports & Wellness Hub

Throughout the weekend we are able to use the Sports and Wellness Hub. Swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym is available from 16.00 on Friday. The hub is just a short walk across the campus from The Slate and Radcliffe venues. (see map)



P Parking

All university car parks including Radcliffe have ANPR and delegates will be required to register their details in advance to facilitate free parking. Detailed instructions to register your vehicle will be sent to delegates in advance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Prayer and Pastoral

If you would value some prayer support over the course of the weekend then please feel free to ask a member of the children and youth team or Janet Thompson who would be really happy to spend time with in you in conversation and prayer.

Practicalities

If you have any medical emergencies during the weekend or questions about the venue, then please speak to Bianca Pierre or the venue reception. If it is programme related then speak to Phil Ball.

Dress code

is casual – no uniform is required. Remember swimwear / gym kit if you want to use the leisure facilities, and your favourite outfit for the silent disco!

To help us **reduce waste**, please bring a reusable water bottle with you. Drink stations are located in each venue.

Your Feedback

We'd really like to hear your impression of the various aspects of the conference so we can continually improve the events that we run in the future. A link to a survey will be sent direct to your inbox on the Sunday of the event and will be open until Friday 31 March.

MARKETPLACE



The Shalom marketplace is located in Slate 2 which is where you'll find resources for your ministry. (See programme for opening times)

RESOURCE STANDS

- Children & Youth Department
- Anti-Trafficking and Modern Slavery
- International Projects
- Candidates Unit
- Family Ministries Department
- Music & Creative Arts
- ASTON 614
- Scout & Guiding
- Godly Play
- The Bible Society

MANNA BOOKS

There will be an on-site bookshop in the marketplace where you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of children and youth resources and a brand new range of CY SA clothing! Cash and cards are all accepted.

At registration you will receive a voucher that can be used in this book shop to claim your ONE ministry resource up to the value of £15 (excludes CY clothing).

OPENING TIMES

Friday

18.30 - 19.30
21.30 - 22.30

Saturday

08.30 - 09.00 19.15 - 19.45
10.00 - 10.30 21.30 - 22.00
14.30 - 15.00

Sunday

08.30 - 09.00
10.00 - 10.30

SHALOM CONTRIBUTORS

We are pleased to be joined by a number of guests, speakers and musicians, as well as representatives of a number of Mission Service departments and partner organisations.

We are delighted to be joined by Major Kerry Coke and Mitch Menagh (Assistant Secretaries for Mission).



Nik King

Worship Leader

Nik is currently the Assistant Director for Music and Creative Arts

(Contemporary Music/Song)

Having worked for The Salvation Army for the past 12 years, Nik is passionate about engaging people in a lifestyle of worship across many genres of music and creative arts. Nik is married to Emily and they have a two year old daughter called Molly. Nik attends Cornerstone City Church in Medway, where he is part of the worship leadership team.

Supporting Nik will be Dan Elson (Outreach Mission Partner Music & Creative Arts), Dave Cotterill (Fresh Expressions Leader Lewisham), Sam Ellison and Anais Spencer.



Andrew Grinnell

Bible Teaching

Andrew Grinnell has been involved with developing responses to poverty for over 20 years. After working nationally with The Salvation Army, he spent 10 years living in a low-income estate in Leeds seeking to develop places of hospitality with local people. He is a facilitator for the Leeds Poverty Truth Commission, co-director of the Poverty Truth Network and a core team member of Urban Life.



Ian Mayhew

Creative Learning

Ian is married to Ruth, a Further Education Tutor. They live in Yorkshire and have three lads. Ian is a freelance creative learning specialist and illustrator but also works as a support worker for people with learning disabilities.

He is part of Children and Youth Department's "Terrain" team, a year-in programme, as well as producing the sketch notes for the All Terrain Podcast. Ian was co-founder of Sweaty Church, a service using sports, activities and games for active families! He is also part of the Infinitum team, a practice-based discipleship community.

He enjoys the outdoors and has completed an MA in Outdoor and Experiential Learning.

He has tried to follow Jesus for many years and is passionate about helping others in their Christian discipleship.



Dr Selina Stone

Main Session Speaker

Selina loves learning and sharing knowledge with

others in classrooms, podcasts and talks. She has been a youth leader, a community organiser and a lecturer and now enjoys a research job at Durham University where she explores how teaching about God can embrace the perspectives of all kinds of people especially those often overlooked. Check out Selina's new podcast, **Sunday School for Misfits**, where Selina examines the beliefs, perspectives and experiences of Black Millennials within Pentecostal and evangelical churches.



Dr Ann Casson

Seminar Speaker

Ann is a senior research fellow at the National

Institute for Christian Education Research (NICER) at Canterbury Christ Church University. Prior to becoming a full-time researcher, Ann taught religious education in secondary schools in the North East of England. Her present research project is Faith in the Nexus - investigating how schools and churches contribute to the spiritual development of young people.



Lee Ball

Key-Note Speaker

Lee has worked for The Salvation Army for over 20 years and is currently

the Director of Addictions and advises all expressions of Salvation Army mission, giving guidance on how to work with the causes and consequences of addictive behaviours. Before coming to work for The Salvation Army, Lee worked for 23 years as a residential social worker with young people with emotional and behavioural disorders, then with young people with autism and then people leaving care with addictions. Lee is also a qualified Play therapist. He lives in Cardiff, is married and has five children. He loves reading, painting and martial arts.



Captain Callum McKenna

Seminar Speaker

Callum is a husband,

a dad, a friend and tries really hard to follow Jesus and to help others follow him too. He's a Salvation Army officer, currently working at William Booth College where he enjoys teaching, learning, thinking and encouraging others to grow in the character and competency needed to play their part in God's mission in the world. He has worked as a youth worker in church and local authority contexts. Callum enjoys reading, coffee, Netflix binges, travel and soft-play centres - all with different members of his family!



Major Nick Coke

Seminar Speaker

Nick is The Salvation Army's Territorial Co-ordinator for Justice

and Reconciliation. He has been a Salvation Army officer, along with his wife Kerry, for over 22 years, leading congregations in London and Wales, as well as more recently pioneering the national response to refugees and asylum seekers. Nick is particularly passionate about grassroots justice-seeking and the role of the church in public life. In his spare time, he enjoys nothing more than sipping coffee and listening to his ever-growing record collection.



Mark Arnold

Seminar Speaker

Mark is co-founder of the Additional Needs Alliance, a collective of organisations,

children's and youth workers, parents and more who share a passion for making a positive difference for children and young people with additional needs. He is the Urban Saints Additional Needs Ministry Director, a Churches for All partner, a member of the Council for Disabled Children and Living Fully and serves on the executive for Children Matter. Mark has over 20 years of youth work experience and is the father of James, a boy with autism.



Michelle Leeder

Seminar Speaker

Michelle is a psychotherapist running a female-

centred private practice and specialising in working with anxiety, trauma and embodiment. She is captivated by the idea of hope and healing and pursues opportunities to journey with people on a deeper level and be with them in their own self-discovery.

Alongside being a therapist, Michelle is a freelance consultant, trainer and wellbeing practitioner. With over the 20 years of working with young people in many different contexts and with a variety of needs, Michelle has developed a deep understanding and empathy for young people and she is still committed to this area of work. She is particularly passionate about working with churches to develop their understanding of mental health, trauma and how churches can be safe spaces.



Lieutenants Ian and Ruth Hammond

Seminar Speakers

Ian featured on the very first episode of Spotlight – a series of videos from the Children & Youth Department, shining a light on local youth work around the United Kingdom and Ireland Territory. Ian and Ruth are the corps officers from Ivybridge Corps in the Devon and Cornwall Division, where they have created a unique drop-in space for young people in the LGBTQ+ community.



Major Heather Poxon

Leading Morning Devotions and Climate Justice Speaker

Heather is the

Territorial Environmental Officer, and was commissioned as an officer in 1993, following training and experience in commercial horticulture.

Having worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo for a number of years on community development projects, Heather was seconded to Rwanda during the time of civil war in that country as part of the Army's first emergency response team, based in Kayenzi.

This was followed by 17 years as a corps officer in the UKI and then 12 years as head of the International Development unit, first in Territorial Headquarters, then International Headquarters.

Born and raised in Kenya of officer parents, married with two adult children, Heather now oversees and coordinates the practical application of the UKI's mission priority to Care for Creation.

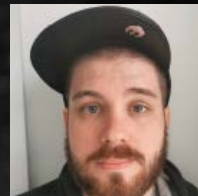


Major Janet Thompson

Pastoral and Wellbeing Support

Before becoming a Salvation Army Officer

Jan was a mental health nurse. She is now a therapist and head of The Salvation Army Counselling Service, Well Being Department. Jan has a passion for working with youth which she has brought to her roles as corps officer and DYO. She is currently part of the youth team in her local corps. Jan will be available over the weekend to provide pastoral support to delegates as we consider what Shalom means for our life and in the lives of the young people we serve.



Digital Games (Friday)

with Karac and Dan



Immerse yourself in a digital world by putting on a VR headset, and get competitive with other delegates on our more traditional gaming consoles. When you're not gaming, make sure

you talk to us about how we use gaming to engage and educate young people at our centre in Aston.

FRIDAY

- 15.00** **Registration and refreshments**
Radcliffe reception and lounge
-
- 16.00 – 18.30** **Swim, Steam, Sauna, Gym**
(not mandatory!)
Sports and Wellness Hub
-
- 18.30 – 19.30** **Marketplace**
Slate 2
-
- 19.30 – 21.30** **PeaceMeal**
Slate 1 (doors 19.20)
-
- 21.30 – 22.30** **Marketplace**
Slate 2
-
- 22.00 – 23.00** **Social Spaces**
Classic sweets and refreshments Radcliffe Lounge
Table games Slate Foyer
Digital games Radcliffe Space 25
Classic games Radcliffe Lounge

SATURDAY

- 07.00 – 08.30** **Breakfast**
Radcliffe Restaurant
-
- 07.15 – 07.45** **Morning Devotion**
Major Heather Poxon
Radcliffe Courtyard
-
- 08.30 – 09.00** **Marketplace**
Slate 2
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- 09.00 – 10.00** **Session 1:**
How Things Should Be?
Led by Andrew Grinnell
Slate 1 – doors 08.45

10.00 – 10.30	Break Slate 2 Refreshments and Marketplace
10.30 – 12.00	Session 2: Jesus and Shalom Speaker: Andrew Grinnell Slate 1
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch Radcliffe Lounge
13.30 – 14.30	Key-Note: Trauma Informed Care See Session brief page 15 Speaker: Lee Ball Slate 1 – doors 13.15
14.30 – 15.00	Break Slate 2 Refreshments and Marketplace
15.00 – 17.45	Seminars See Seminar programme page 16 Time to talk (until 17.00) a space to process presentation with Lee Ball and Janet Thompson Radcliffe Lounge
18.00 – 19.15	Evening meal Radcliffe Restaurant
19.15 – 19.45	Marketplace Slate 2
19.30 – 19.45	CY Resources Slate 1
19.45 – 21.30	Session 3: Shalom Wholeness Speaker: Dr Selina Stone Slate 1

21.30 – 22.00

Break

Slate 2 Refreshments and Marketplace

22.00 – 23.30

After Hours: Silent Disco

Slate 1

Slate 2 and Radcliffe Lounge refreshments.

SUNDAY

07.00 – 08.30

Breakfast

Radcliffe Restaurant

07.15 - 07.45

Morning Devotion

Major Heather Poxon

Radcliffe Courtyard

08.30 – 09.00

Marketplace

Slate 2

09.00 – 10.00

Session 4: Shalom Justice

Led by Andrew Grinnell

Slate 1 – doors 08.45

10.00 – 10.30

Break

Slate 2 Refreshments and Marketplace

10.15 – 10.30

CY Resources

Slate 1

10.30 – 12.30

Session 5: Shalom Salvation

Speaker: Major Helen Schofield

Slate 1

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch

Radcliffe Restaurant

**THANK YOU FOR COMING,
SEE YOU IN 2024!**

Session Brief

Trauma Informed Care Keynote

Evidence suggests we are at a key juncture across many countries, not just the UK, in terms of the challenge to our education and public health systems. The prevalence of infants, children and adolescents presenting with psychological, behavioural, emotional and social difficulties is estimated to be as high as 10-20%. A child exposed to early adversity and trauma is much more likely to use substances later in life, have fewer positive life prospects, poorer educational achievements, higher chance of unemployment and increased rates of poverty. Childhood adversity has also been demonstrated to have a causal relationship with higher rates of depression, suicidality and chronic health conditions such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory conditions and disease.

A Trauma Informed (TI) approach places strong emphasis on safety; physical, psychological, and emotional. This stance understands that in order to create safe and nurturing spaces this approach is for everyone, for those delivering and those receiving support. Trauma Informed safe spaces create opportunities for reparation, to rebuild a sense of control and empowerment. This presentation will cover Trauma Informed Care and how we best work with young people to create wholeness and connection, to create kind and compassionate communities.

There will be an opportunity to talk with Lee Ball and Janet Thompson in the Radcliffe Lounge following this session between 15.00 - 17.00.

SEMINARS

You will have the opportunity to attend three seminars.

All seminars will be recorded and will be available to download after the event.



SEMINAR BLOCK A

15.00 -15.45

Youth Spirituality

Captain Callum Mckenna

Scarman 29

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Children's Spirituality

Dr Ann Casson

Scarman 31

Children change at a rapid rate - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - and are impacted by a range of influences. Ann will help us look at the development of children's spirituality in the three spaces of home, school and church, understand the questions children are asking and give us insight into nurturing the spiritual life of every child.

LGBTQ+ Inclusion

Lieutenants Ian and

Ruth Hammond

Radcliffe 33

Young people who identify as LGBTQ+ are more likely to suffer from clinical depression, and to self-harm with 'suicidal intent', compared to their heterosexual peers and the church has often been a place that adds to this harm. Ian and Ruth will help us explore sexuality, gender identity, mentoring and membership and suggest ways of creating safe and welcoming spaces.

Movement for Justice

Major Nick Coke

Slate 1

However, we came to be involved in the Salvation Army, as we explore what it means to love God and love others it makes sense that we ask why here?! Nick will help us better understand our heritage, theology, and current practice what we'd look like as a movement for social justice not just action.

SEMINAR BLOCK B

16.00 -16.45

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Inviting Everyone to Belong

Mark Arnold

Radcliffe 25

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Mental Health

Michelle Leeder

Radcliffe 30

While the number of reported cases of both mild and severe mental health issues among young people are increasing, access to professional support is becoming increasingly challenging. Michelle will help us better understand these challenges, the reasons for them and how we can handle them sensitively and effectively, create safe environments and signpost to appropriate services.

SEMINAR BLOCK C

17.00 -17.45

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