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Charity Roadshow 2010

Helping churches and organisations understand charity law

FREE
for church
leaders*

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The answers to key questions like these can be found by coming to The Christian Institute’s Charity Roadshow. Churches and Christian organisations have to meet important legal obligations. The Roadshow aims to provide practical help to assist leaders in meeting those responsibilities. It is intended for church leaders, elders, deacons, church trustees and the trustees of other Christian charities in England and Wales.

The Roadshow aims to provide practical information and help in relation to the many legal issues confronting Christian charities today. We want preachers to be reassured – the law should not impinge on their ministry. We want trustees to have greater confidence and we want to dispel some of the myths about what the law does and does not require.

The Charity Commission now asks all charities, including churches, to say how they benefit the public. You will have

the opportunity at the Roadshow to hear from experts in their field and become more confident in responding to these new requirements.

In the UK we have a long history of free speech and religious liberty. We value the freedom we still have to preach the whole of the Bible without interference from the state. The Roadshow will include a presentation to encourage those engaged in public preaching and evangelism to know their full rights and freedoms under the law.

Churches and other Christian charities also increasingly face new challenges presented by discrimination and employment law, health and safety requirements, charity and trust law, and financial regulation. These issues will be explained and discussed in smaller workshops (see ‘Venues & dates’ below). Lunch is provided at the day events.

REQUEST YOUR PLACE FOR THE CHARITY ROADSHOW

Venues & dates

Speakers

Day events (booking essential) - lunch included

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| 23 Jan | 10am - 3.30pm | Leicester | The Hilton Hotel |
| 03 Feb | 10am - 3.30pm | Cardiff | Manor Parc Country Hotel |
| 13 Feb | 10am - 3.30pm | Bristol | The Bristol Hotel |
| 20 Mar | 10am - 3.30pm | Liverpool | Bridge Chapel Centre |
| 27 Mar | 10am - 3.30pm | Chessington | The King's Centre |
| 08 May | 10am - 3.30pm | Cambridge | Queen Edith Chapel |
| 13 May | 10am - 3.30pm | Birmingham | Renewal Conference Centre |
| 15 May | 10am - 3.30pm | London | Westminster Chapel |

Seminars (booking essential)

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| 02 Feb | 10am - 11.45am | Darlington | Geneva Road Baptist Church |
| 04 Feb | 7.30pm - 9.15pm | Rochdale | Milnrow Evangelical Church |

For venue addresses please see the tour map overleaf.

Workshops

As part of the **day events** delegates will have an opportunity to attend two workshops from a choice of six. The six workshop options are:

- ▶ Running churches and charities (*Caroline Eade*)
- ▶ Meeting the Charity Commission's requirements (*Rod Badams*)
- ▶ The church as an employer (*Sam Webster*)
- ▶ Health and safety myths (*Rod Badams*)
- ▶ Public evangelism and the law (*Sam Webster*)
- ▶ Current financial issues (*Trevor James*)



Colin Hart

Colin has been the Director of The Christian Institute since its inception in 1990. In 2006 Colin established our Legal Defence Fund to help support legal cases of national importance for religious liberty.



Caroline Eade

Caroline is a solicitor in the not-for-profit team at Taylor Vinters Solicitors in Cambridge. She works with clients across the not-for-profit spectrum including charities, trade associations and public sector bodies.



Rod Badams

Rod is a former General Secretary of Christians at Work. He has been Administrator at the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches since 1998 providing advice to churches on legal and practical topics.



Trevor James

Trevor is a partner at Sheen Stickland, based in Chichester, a leading Chartered Accountants firm in the charity field. He has overall responsibility for the firm's charity and not-for-profit unit.



Sam Webster

Sam is The Christian Institute's in-house solicitor, managing the religious liberty cases supported by our Legal Defence Fund. Sam has now been in legal practice for ten years and has specialised in litigation since qualifying in 2001.

Three ways to request a place

1. Online

The easiest way to request a place at one of our Charity Roadshow events is to visit our website:

christian.org.uk/roadshow



2. Phone

Or, you can telephone us on **0191 281 5664** and request a place.

3. Post

Otherwise, you can use the form on the reverse of this leaflet and return it to our freepost address.

Is it free for me?

Places are free for those in leadership of evangelical churches (e.g. minister, elder, deacon, etc) or evangelical charities (e.g. Senior Staff, Trustee, Administrator, etc). For clarification on whether your position is eligible for a free place, please phone us on 0191 281 5664.

If you are not eligible for a free place the price is £70 for a day event and £20 for a seminar, per person. We will contact you regarding payment.

Charity Roadshow form

Complete this form and send it (**no postage necessary**) to:
Freepost RRHG-ZBKL-EKKB, The Christian Institute, Wilberforce House,
4 Park Road, Gosforth Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8DG

About you

Title

Name

Address

Post code

Telephone

Email

Name of church / organisation / charity:

Position of responsibility:

Are you eligible for a free place?

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Yes / No

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Roadshow

Venues

Please select your desired venue by **ticking one** of the following boxes:

- Leicester
- Darlington*
- Cardiff
- Rochdale*
- Bristol
- Liverpool
- Chessington
- Cambridge
- Birmingham
- London

Workshops

For day events, please **rank the workshops** in order of your preference (1 being the most preferred and 6 being the least):

* Please note that there will be no workshops at Darlington or Rochdale.

- Running churches and charities
- Meeting the Charity Commission's requirements
- The church as an employer
- Health and safety myths
- Public evangelism and the law
- Current financial issues

Tour map

The following are day events (10am - 3.30pm) unless the times are otherwise indicated.

- 1 Leicester Saturday 23 January**
Hilton Leicester Hotel, Jct. 21 Approach, Braunstone, Leicester, LE19 1WQ
- 2 Darlington Tuesday 2 February (10am - 11.45am)**
Geneva Road Baptist Church, Geneva Road, Darlington, DL1 4HS
- 3 Cardiff Wednesday 3 February**
Manor Parc Country Hotel, Thornhill Road, Thornhill, Cardiff, CF14 9UA
- 4 Rochdale Thursday 4 February (7.30pm - 9.15pm)**
Milnrow Evangelical Church, 22 New Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL16 3PQ
- 5 Bristol Saturday 13 February**
The Bristol Hotel, Prince Street, Bristol, BS1 4QF
- 6 Liverpool Saturday 20 March**
Bridge Chapel Centre, Heath Road, Liverpool, L19 4XR
- 7 Chessington Saturday 27 March**
The King's Centre, Coppard Gardens, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2GZ
- 8 Cambridge Saturday 8 May**
Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge, CB1 8QN
- 9 Birmingham Thursday 13 May**
Renewal Conference Centre, Lode Lane, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2JR
- 10 London Saturday 15 May**
Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6BS

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