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PROGRAMME FOR 2026 DUBLIN CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 13th January 2026

- 11.30am Council members (those present) meet at registration desk to help
- 12.30pm Arrival - **CCCD**
 - Registration. Luggage store available at CCCD
 - Tour allocations and Workshop choices sign up.
 - Distribution of delegate bags
- Coffee/tea/lunch
- Resources available to peruse, displays & guest partners available to chat
- 2pm Welcome
Joint welcome by both SPC & CCCD Deans, plus Anthony Cane, Dean of Portsmouth and Chair of Cathedrals Plus.
- 2.30pm – 3.30pm Cathedral Tours (led by CCCD Cathedral staff and volunteers)
- 3.45 - 5pm Free time & check-in to hotel
- 4.45 - 5.45pm Speaker session 1 - **Rev Dr Alex Wimberly, Leader of Corrymeela**
- 6 - 6.40pm Evensong CCCD
- 7pm - 7.45pm Regional Hubs - CCCD rooms
- 7.45pm Fish & Chips Supper

8.45 Free time/social at The Lord Edward pub

Wednesday, 14th January 2026

- 08.30 - 8.50am Eucharist in Lady Chapel, SPC
- 09.00 - 09.20am Matins -NB. Choir sings this morning service
- 09.30 - 10.30am Speaker 2 - **Rev Abigail Sines, Assoc Minister in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes** - *Faith in the Community [title tbc]*
- 10.30 - 11 Coffee break
- 11 - 12noon Cathedral Tour SPC
- 12.15 - 1.15pm Workshops 1
- 1.15pm Lunch
Council Meeting working lunch
- 2.15 Panel Discussion
- 3 - 3.30pm Tea break
- 3.30 - 5pm Optional trips/tours and/or free time
- 5.30-6pm Evensong, SPC
- 6.45 - 7.45pm Drinks Reception, The Deanery SPC
- 7.45pm Conference dinner, The Lady Chapel SPC
After dinner speaker tbc
- 10pm [optional!] Live music at The Brazen Head (last orders at 11.30pm)

Thursday, 15th January 2026

- from 08.00am Bag drop, CCCD
- 8.30am Morning prayer, CCCD
- 9 - 10am Sharing Sessions
- 10.05 - 10.40am Coffee break, South Transept CCCD
- 10.40 - 11.10am Cathedrals Plus AGM
- 11.10 - 12.10 Workshops 2
- 12.10 - 12.55 Speaker 3 - **Eimhin Walsh, former Director of the Mendicity Institute**
- 12.55 - 1.10pm Farewell, thanks & evaluations
- 1.10pm Collect packed lunches, depart

(1.10 - 1.45pm - Council members debrief & feedback)

Optional Tours

- Teelings Whiskey Distillery
- Marshes Library
- Chester Beatty Library
- Trinity College Long Room
- Dublinia
- Tower Tours of both cathedrals

Workshops

- Tom Little, Director of Music and Tomos Watkins, Assistant Director of Music CCC

Music Outreach

Tom and Tomos will speak about their work establishing a 200-strong Community Choir from scratch, which invites local people to come and sing together in the cathedral every week; plus their music outreach to schools.

- Susanne Reid, CEO CCC and Gavan Woods, Administrator (CEO) SPC

Keeping our Cathedrals Alive

Dublin's sister cathedrals: vibrant spaces in the heart of the city. How we enable them to thrive for the whole community and fulfil their charitable purpose.

- Ruth Kenny, Head of Learning and Interpretation CCC

Sacred Space: Common Ground. Programming and Adjacency

Ruth will talk about the challenges and opportunities of programming for visitors of different or no faith, within an Irish context.

- The Gathering Grounds TBC

Honesty Box Café Scheme

A representative from Kilternan Parish, Dublin, will share their experience of setting up The Gathering Grounds; a voluntary community café supported and run by two part time staff that provides a wide range of services every week to families, at risk communities and social outreach projects.

Kelly Bermingham, **Community Officer** SPC

Saul Penfold, Inspired Classrooms tbc

- Louis Parminter, Cathedral Manager SPC

The Ministry of Welcome

Kryzel Bonifacio, Education Officer SPC

Aaron Hoey, **Verger and Conservator** SPC