

UK 2011 Oxygen Tour

An exploration of culture, community and faith.

August - September 2011.

The tour begins and ends in London. We start by attending Greenbelt Festival, then participants will choose between two alternative tours.

Tour Option 1 - Contextual expressions of church [August 24 - September 5]

Led by Kathy Jacka

This group will explore possibilities for developing new forms of church. We'll engage in conversations with communities involved in developing 'Fresh Expressions' of church in the UK; consider the underlying theology and principles of post-church or emerging church communities; explore connections between the church and social space; and talk together about how we can engage our learnings in our own contexts. We'll also spend time simply being inspired. [The timing of this tour allows for people to connect with the Fresh Expressions training course in Cambridge]

Tour Option 2 - Curation and transformation [August 24 - September 8]

Led by Cheryl Lawrie

This group will spend a week exploring how culture and spirituality can connect to create spaces and moments of transformation in public places. We'll explore public spaces and exhibitions, with time set aside each day to reflect with theologians, artists and people who might provoke our thinking and imaginations. In turn, we'll reflect on how we might create such spaces in our own contexts. At the end of the trip we'll spend a couple of days debriefing in the south of France. This tour will be of particular interest to those who are exploring spirituality and faith outside the church context, and for those who are looking for inspiration and ideas on the way.

Greenbelt Festival

Greenbelt Festival is one of the largest Christian festivals in the world. It's a unique blend of worship, justice, music and art. It's held annually, over a four day weekend, in Cheltenham, UK. Over 20 000 people attend the festival, which offers a blend of workshops, worship, art installations, speakers, music and theatre. Greenbelt is where people gather – including people from emerging church communities around Europe, New Zealand, the US, and even a couple from Australia! You can find out more at <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>. We stay in tents at Greenbelt, although alternative accommodation is available at extra cost.

The fine print

The cost of Option 1 is \$2100, and Option 2 is \$2500. This covers Greenbelt festival, accommodation and travel within the UK / France. Accommodation is in single rooms in hotels and university colleges, with tents at Greenbelt. Participants are responsible for purchasing food, and flights to and from London, at their own cost. The tour is only open to people aged 18 and over. Please note that we have limited places and these fill quickly. To secure your place please return the form below by March 31, 2011 and include a \$50 non-refundable deposit. A further \$500 downpayment will be required by May 31 2011, with the full payment required by August 1, 2011



For more information Contact Cheryl Lawrie on 03 9251 5275, cheryl.lawrie@victas.uca.org.au
This tour is a project of the Uniting Church, VICTAS Synod Commission for Mission.

Space to breathe : Space to think : Space to explore

UK Trip 2011 - The Oxygen Tour

Please return this form to Kym Dyson, 130 Little Collins Street Melbourne, 3000.

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Name: _____

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Please tick which tour you are registering for:

Tour Option 1 - Contextual expressions of church

Tour Option 2 - Transformative public spaces

Payment

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