

COURAGEOUS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is it?

This year, our district theme is being courageous', so as part of the visit of Michaela Youngson & Bala Gnanapragasam (our President & Vice-President of Methodist Conference) and Jasmine Yeboah (our Methodist Youth President), we are joining together as a district to celebrate life together as a church family, plus challenge ourselves to be more courageous in our walk with God. This celebration is taking the form of a big day out at Telford Innovation Campus, with a range of activities and speakers planned to ensure there is something to inspire and encourage everyone.

Who is it for?

The aim of the day is to bring together young and old alike, with accessible activities for everyone. Many of the activities and workshops have been designed to be child-friendly, but unfortunately we don't have the facilities to offer a crèche.

We want to challenge ourselves to be more courageous, while also recognising that being courageous looks different to different people. All of the workshops, keynotes and activities aim to bring joy, encouragement and inspiration to every person who attends. So by coming along we hope that you will be inspired to be a more courageous version of yourself.

Is it an all-day event or can I drop in?

The event is designed as a big day out, with worship, speakers, activities and workshops

from 11am through to a final worship rounding off the day's festivities by around 7pm. We intend to celebrate the diversity of our district church family by sharing in a wide range of activities, some of which we may not ordinarily have the chance to take part in. For this reason, we encourage as many people as possible to attend the whole day. However, if you are unable to be at the whole event, you are still very welcome to join us all for the parts which you can attend. Tickets are universal and can be used for all or part of the event.

Do I need to bring lunch/dinner?

You will be greeted with free tea, coffee and doughnuts when you arrive from 11am onwards. After that, food and drinks will be available to buy at lunch and dinner from 'The Common Room Restaurant' in the main venue, where dairy-free, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options will all be available. If you have a specific dietary requirement, please let us know when prompted while ordering your tickets. We ask that as the venue are opening their restaurant as a special favour, please buy your lunch and dinner from the venue rather than bringing a packed-lunch. There will be space within the programme to eat together without missing out on planned activities.

Will more than one thing be running at once?

Throughout the day, there will be times when we come together as a whole church family to be inspired and entertained. At other points, activities will be more varied, so more than one will be running at the same time to ensure that

there will be something for everyone, whether you're into performing arts or a quieter reflective discussion. For example, after lunch, if you're into your modern music and club scene, you may wish to go to our 'Silent Disco', but if this isn't your thing, a guest speaker will be sharing inspiring stories at the same time in the main venue.

Do I need to pay/bring money?

The tickets for the event and all of the activities and workshops are completely free, so you don't need to spend any money on getting in and enjoying yourself. As stated above, you will be greeted with free refreshments when you arrive. After that, food and drinks will be available to buy from the venue's restaurant in the main hall. There will also be a marketplace, including a bookshop, so you may wish to bring money to spend there too.

Where is the venue?

Telford Innovation Campus
Shifnal Road
Priorslee
Telford
Shropshire
TF2 9NN

How do you get there by road?

Approaching from the east (inc. Birmingham and Wolverhampton), leave the M54 at Junction 4 and take the A4640 (previously the B5060) Castle Farm Way. At the first roundabout, turn left on to the A5 Telford Way (also known as St George's bypass), then at the Priorslee roundabout take the second exit on to Shifnal Road. The campus entrance is a short drive on the left-hand side.

Coming from the west (inc. Shrewsbury and Wales), leave the M54 at Junction 5 and take the A5 Rampart Way. Go straight over the interchange on to the A5 Telford Way, cross over the motorway, and at the Priorslee roundabout take the Shifnal Road turning.

Is there accessible parking?

When you reach the Telford Innovation Campus, volunteers will be available to guide you to the venue's car parks.

Can I get there via public transport?

By train: You can get a direct train into Telford Central from Birmingham (30 to 35 minutes), Wolverhampton (15 to 25 minutes) and stations on the Shrewsbury line. From there, you can pick up a taxi to the campus (or even walk in about 15 minutes).

By bus: There is no direct bus service to the Campus.

Is there an itinerary or programme available?

Due to the fact that activities and workshops are still being planned, the following programme is subject to change, but gives an overall idea of how the day will look.

C O U R A G E O U S D A Y O U T	
11.00am	Arrival
11.30am	Welcome & Worship
12.00pm	Courageous Keynote
12.30pm	Marketplace & Food
1.15pm	Courageous Keynote & Silent Disco
2.15pm	Comedy
3.00pm	Workshops & Activities 1
3.50pm	Courageous Q&A
4.30pm	Workshops & Activities 2
5.20pm	Marketplace & Food
6.00pm	Worship Celebration
7.00pm	Finish

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