
The Diocesan Board of Education

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

'Then what had any to do with the Scriptures, but as they came to the Spirit that gave them forth. You will say, Christ saith this, and the apostles say this; but what canst thou say? Art thou a child of Light and hast walked in the Light, and what thou speakest is it inwardly from God?'

George Fox, 1652

Quaker Faith & Practice 19.07

I'm a Quaker, and we're probably best known for the porridge guy, or our founder George Fox (they're not, despite what some people think, the same person!).



George Fox spoke the above at a time of great social and political strife, and religious turmoil. At our core - Quakerism is a form of closeness with the Spirit. Now, there are a lot of types of Quaker - including non-theists - who might argue with that summary, but I'm a Christian Quaker. For me, that means I am accepting of the Spirit as a guiding Light, and have a close personal relationship with the story of Jesus presented in the Bible. Although I don't necessarily share exactly the same views as every Quaker, we are all part of the same Society of Friends.

The above quote from George Fox is a retelling by his wife Margaret Fell, the Mother of Quakerism, relating to an incident at Ulverston 'steeplehouse' (as early Friends called churches). Fox was listening to a sermon, and took leave to ask to speak - and then stood up on his pew and spoke. His words communicate his vision of each person as living Scripture because every person can be moved by the Spirit to proclaim the words of God. Fox's theology was challenging for the church in the 17th century, and remains challenging now. But for me - I just think, sometimes, someone's got to be brave enough to ask to speak, and stand up.

That's what Jesus did - stand up. Over, and over, and over again. He was brave, and challenging, and loving, and came not for the righteous, but the sinner -

'I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

Luke 5:32

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As heads and school leaders and teachers and in day to day life, we're asked by the Spirit to speak up, to listen to the promptings of love and truth in our hearts - and you all do, and this makes it a great pleasure to work with you all.

from Ellen Cross, **DBE Administrator**

Diocesan Governance and Compliance Lead

Sue Edgar will unfortunately be leaving her role as Diocesan Governance and Compliance Lead on 28th March 2024. Sue has decided to take early retirement and enjoy more time with her family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for the excellent work she has done to support and develop governance in church schools and academies across the diocese. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Moving forward, we are undertaking a recruitment process for an Administrator who will have key responsibilities for governance. Sue is enabling a smooth handover so that we don't lose momentum in our drive to further strengthen governance in schools and academies. We will let you know who the new administrator will be as soon as they are appointed to be part of the DBE team.



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FLOURISHING FOR ALL

**LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

**Thursday 21st March 2024
10am-3:45pm**

*I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.*
John 10:10



The Rt Revd Stephen Conway
Bishop of Lincoln



Andy Wolfe
Executive Director of Education, Church
of England



Vic Goddard
Principal of Passmores Academy and star
of the Bafta nominated Channel 4
documentary 'Educating Essex'



Alison Kriel
Educational and Leadership Consultant, Speaker
Founder CEO of Above and Beyond

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Headteacher, Senior Leader,
Chair of Governor & Clergy
Conference

The Showroom, Tritton Rd,
Lincoln, LN6 7QY

£185 school staff (non SLA £290)
£145 Governors (non SLA £225)
£75 Clergy



Last chance to book—don't miss out!

There is not long to book now until our Leadership Conference. This day is designed for senior leaders in school, Chair of Governors and clergy, to inspire and equip you in the role you do, as well as hear key messages from the Education Team.

Keynote Speakers

The **Rt Revd Stephen Conway**, Bishop of Lincoln will be with us, Bishop Stephen has a passion to see the church schools of the dioceses to flourish

Andy Wolfe, Executive Director of Education for the Church of England come to share with us 'Our Hope for a Flourishing Schools System' - the recent publication from the Church of England that is once-in-a-generation re-imagination of our school system.

Vic Goddard Principal of Passmores Academy and star of the Bafta nominated Channel 4 documentary 'Educating Essex' will be with us speaking on 'How we ensure that our leadership is about what matters?'

Alison Kriel Educational and Leadership Consultant, Speaker Founder CEO of Above and Beyond will be with us speaking on 'The Power of Belonging'

To book—please use [this link](http://www.lincolndiocesaneducation.com/leadershipconference).

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Upcoming LDBE Courses—

Date	Time	Course	
<u>12/03/2024</u>	<u>16:00-18:00</u>	<u>Developing Knowledge in RE</u>	<u>online</u>
<u>21/03/2024</u>	<u>10:00-15:45</u>	<u>Flourishing For All - Leadership Conference</u>	<u>In person</u>
<u>27/03/2024</u>	<u>10:00-15:30</u>	<u>Leaders Wellbeing day</u>	<u>In person</u>