



A day conference to explore
worldwide & local issues around gender

14th April 2018
10am - 3:30pm

Rowbarton Methodist Church,
Greenway Rd, Taunton TA2 6LA

Schedule

10am Arrivals from 10am – with tea and coffee.

10:30am Welcome – Rev. Deborah Kirk.

10:40am **Session 1: A session exploring the importance of education for girls and its importance in transforming individuals and communities.**
Yvonne Lee is a Volunteer Assessor for VSO International, a Samaritan listener, and a Methodist Local Preacher in the Chesterfield Circuit. After a lifetime in education as a teacher, adviser, inspector and secondary headteacher, in 2013 she became a VSO Volunteer. Her long term placement made her an education adviser for the Nepal Government where as part of the Girls' Education Challenge, she promoted gender and kindred equalities, designed to gain access to and retention within schools for girls. Her work was highly respected by DFID and the EU who funded the projects.

11:40am **Session 2: Affecting billions of women globally, FGM is one of the biggest issues facing women and girls around the world. Come along to this workshop to find out what it is, why is it such an issue and how we can tackle it!**
Rachel Allison is the Helen Kim Memorial Scholar for Methodist Women in Britain and her job is to encourage more young women to get involved in the work that MWiB does, as well as campaigning on sustainable development goals. She works in the Joint Public Issues Team and House of Lords as a researcher, and is passionate about social justice and gender equality.

12:40pm Lunch – Bring your own lunch (tea and coffee provided) and an opportunity to take in the static and video displays.

1:30pm **Session 3**
Jon Curtis is a development officer for the Methodist Church. This session is about exploring mental health issues for men. Suicide rates amongst 35-55 year old men are high; drugs, alcohol and gambling are huge issues, yet the church often appears to say little about these issues. What can be said into this situation and how?

2:30pm **Plenary session**
an opportunity for questions, comments and conversation.

For bookings, please visit...

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