

The Future of Charities in the UK

Monday, 8th – Tuesday, 9th April 2024

Programme

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12.00 Arrival and Registration St George's House

12.45 Lunch Dining Room

14.00 Welcome and Introduction Vicars' Hall
Gary McKeone
Programme Director, St George's House

14.15 Plenary One: vision, framing & orientation Vicars' Hall

Introduction to discussion (10 mins)
Patrick Butler

Our starting thesis (20 mins)
Sue Tibballs, CEO, Sheila McKechnie Foundation

Summary of and reflections on three essays (30 mins)
Essay authors

Orientation (15 mins)
Patrick Butler

15.30 Afternoon Tea Vicars' Hall

15.45 Breakout session one: scoping the problem – what's wrong with the current state of affairs? Vicars' Hall

Introduction & instructions (5 mins)
Patrick Butler

Breakout discussion (1 hr) Syndicate Rooms

- *What are the signs that things currently aren't working?*
- *Are there norms, practices, expectations that we should leave behind?*
- *What are the greatest challenges we need to address?*

Each group to identify the THREE most egregious or urgent problems that need to be addressed.

Reconvene in main room (10 mins) Vicars' Hall

17.00 Evening Prayer (*Optional – please be seated by 17.05*) St George's Chapel



COORDINATING STAFF AT ST GEORGE'S HOUSE
Gary McKeone, Programme Director
Patricia Birdseye, Consultation Coordinator, Tel 01753 848886
Catherine Morgan, House Manager

18.15 **Breakout session two: a new vision for the future of charities** Vicars' Hall

Feedback on the problems identified in last session & instructions for next breakouts (5 mins)

Patrick Butler

Breakout discussion (55 mins)

Syndicate Rooms

- *What would charities be doing, and how?*
- *What would things ideally look and feel like?*
- *Identify any examples of where you already see some of these things occurring.*

Each group will consider the question from a particular point of view: a citizen, an elected politician, a civil servant, a charity CEO, a business leader.

What are the hopes and expectations of each person?
What are their fears or anxieties?
What could they bring to the table?
And what do they need to contribute fully?

Reconvene in main room (5 mins)

Vicars' Hall

One person from group will be asked to share its ideas and thinking (5-10 minutes) in the after-dinner session.

19.15 Break

19.45 Dinner

Dining Room

22.00 Tour of St George's Chapel – led by Miss Charlotte Manley CVO, OBE, Chapter Clerk, College of St George
(please assemble in the Sitting Room at 21.45)

St George's Chapel



Tuesday, 9th April

07.30	Mattins (<i>Optional</i>)	St George's Chapel
08.00	Holy Communion (<i>Optional</i>)	St George's Chapel
08.00– 09.00	Breakfast & Check out <i>Please bring all luggage to the Sitting Room</i>	Dining Room
09.00	Plenary three: what needs to happen to take us towards this new vision? Patrick Butler Brief reflections on yesterday's discussions and where we hope to get to today (5 mins) and invitation to share any additional overnight reflections (up to 15 mins) Main discussion – practical solutions & innovations (1 hr 20m) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What can we see happening already that would help move us towards a better way of working?</i>• <i>What more can be done? Are there gaps in thinking or areas for investigation that need to be filled?</i>• <i>What still works? What should we keep?</i>	Vicars' Hall
10.45	Coffee	Vicars' Hall
11.00	Plenary four: A challenge to the room – how will we work together to bring this about? Patrick Butler <i>What will you or others do to help create the change?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggest ideas for next steps?• Commit to particular action?• Explore specific collaborations?	Vicars' Hall
12.15	Closing Remarks (30 mins) Sue Tibballs, CEO, Sheila McKechnie Foundation	Vicars' Hall
12.45	Lunch	Vicars' Hall
14.00	Departures	

