

Torque Workshop Outlines and Presenters

10.00 am: Opening address and reflection

Why be involved in Mission?

Keith Dyer

11.00 am: Workshop Session 1

First-time SUFM volunteers

... an introduction to SU mission

SUFM

Mavis Payne & Tayatea Mackenzie

First-time THEOS volunteers

...an introduction to SU mission

Theos

David Tolputt

How is Jesus Good News for Youth?

If the good news was sight for the blind and freedom for prisoners (Luke 4), what is good news for young people?

SUFM Theos

Anthony Collier

Fast forward through Rewind: for Age-Group Co-ordinators

Beth will be equipping leaders to train team members to get the best out of *Rewind* for pre and primary school children and teens. *Rewind* is the gosselling resource prepared by Beth for use in SUFM this year.

SUFM

Beth Barnett

Everyday conversational evangelism

Some people seem to be talking about an everyday topic and all of a sudden they're talking about God. How does this happen? Come and hear from someone who is always talking about her faith and how does she get there!!

SUFM Theos

Julie-anne Laird

Stir up a story

This will be a practical workshop on telling Bible stories to children. We will look at how to prepare to tell a story and also explore various skills, approaches and storytelling resources.

SUFM

Don Stott

Wiggles Wannabees: songs in SUFM

Whether you're a muso or not, come along to explore... engaging kids with songs, leading actions, working with bands and backing tracks, young kids who can't read and old kids who are too cool, when and how to use silly songs.

SUFM

Brendan Petty & Tim Forrester

Risk Management Officers...

This workshop looks at training your team in risk management and how to have a safe mission. This is compulsory for all first-time RMOs.

RMOs - SUFM Theos

Rowan Fairbairn & Elizabeth Oldland

Tolerance, judgmentalism and relativism: what right do we have to share the gospel?

Chris Mulherin

In a relativist world tolerance is the only absolute moral rule. If you find that confusing you're not alone! In this workshop we'll do some clear thinking about tolerance and judgmentalism and relativism. We'll also think about the relationship between postmodernism and the New Atheism. Plus we'll look at how Jesus manages to cut through the hype with actions that speak louder than words.

SUFM Theos

Being a team grown-up: seeing the mission through adult eyes **Phil Day**

Being a part of a team of young adults is a privilege and a balancing act. How do you support and mentor without taking over? How do you make a valuable contribution in a way that fits your gifts and personality? Come and listen to and share stories of mission do's and don'ts for us grown-ups.

Grown-ups: SUFM Theos

1.15 pm: Workshop Session 2

The Medium & the Message: SUFM Events **Chris Barnett**

We will take one of the themes from *Rewind* and working from principles, create an event that can be adapted for your mission context.

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Big Questions: what are the big questions that people ask about God? **Bruce Langtry**

The group will select one or two big questions concerning Christianity -- Biblical, theological, philosophical, or whatever -- from a list of suggestions submitted beforehand by individual participants. We will then discuss the selected question or questions. The workshop will be a safe space in which all questions and expressions of opinion will be treated courteously and on their intellectual merits.

SUFM Theos

God's Story and My Story: what is the gospel? **Chris Mulherin**

Have you been changed by the grace of God? Do you understand the gospel? Really? In this workshop we'll look at the guts of the gospel of grace and wrestle with what it means in real life, not just in church Bible studies or when we're on the evangelism trail.

SUFM Theos

Learning how to Rewind: first-time SUFMers **Beth Barnett**

Beth will explore how to work with children in a mission context, using *Rewind* (the gosselling resource prepared for use in SUFM this year). This workshop is for all new SUFM volunteers working with children.

SUFM

Relationship Building Skills: (this workshop runs from 1.15 – 4.00 pm) **Andrew Jones**

Learn and practice 5 principles designed to enhance effective listening skills and take conversations to a more meaningful level. 1. Be a Good Listener 2. Ask the Right Kinds of Questions 3. Use the Six Conversational Expanders 4. Move into Deeper Conversations 5. Affirm, Affirm, Affirm. Discover the crucial link between successful leadership and relationship building. Develop more meaningful and supportive relationships within your team.

SUFM Theos

Inviting children to follow Jesus

Phil Day

Our aim in mission is to help children become followers of Jesus, but are you confident of being invitational? How do you encourage a child when they do take steps towards following Jesus?

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Possibilities with puppets

Don Stott

In this elective we will look at different ways of using puppets in a Beach Mission context. Practical activities will also include some tips on using puppets, where to source scripts and developing a puppet character.

SUFM

Treasurer's Workshop

Sophie Canter

This introductory workshop goes through the basics of how to manage your team's finances with minimal hassles. Gain a clear understanding of what is expected in your role, how to make it easier as well as budgeting and fundraising strategies. Compulsory for all first-time treasurers.

Treasurers: SUFM Theos

Empowering others to step up

David Tolputt

Effective leaders grow other leaders. How do you stretching others into leadership on a mission team.

Leaders: SUFM Theos

Being a Leadership Coach

Mavis Payne

to be the best leader you can be, you must enlist the help of others. You need a leadership coach. (Andy Stanley, Next Generation Leader,) A leadership coach can help you see what you can't see by yourself and so enable you to grow as a leader. This workshop is for leaders who are exploring inviting someone to be their coach and for those who have been invited by a Director to be a leadership coach
Grown-ups & Leaders: SUFM Theos

2.45 pm: Workshop Session 3

Opening the Bible with unchurch youth:

Tom Craven & Kat Tears

Today's Aussie teens find the Bible foreign, unattractive and meaningless. How do we create a culture where opening the Bible with teens is possible, engaging and meaningful in a Theos mission?

SUFM Theos

Relational Spaces: why context matters

David Tolputt

A man takes a woman's hand ... how do we interpret this action? What if they are the bride and groom at a wedding? What if one of them is drowning in a swimming pool? The context shapes how we relate to people. How do we interpret this to a mission context?

SUFM Theos

Dramatic Rewind: live Bible stories

Beth Barnett

Drama makes the Bible stories come alive for any age. Beth will explore what makes for good drama and open the drama scripts in *Rewind*.

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SUFM Theos

Exploring Children's Difficult Questions

Colette Harrison

Does God exist? Why did my Grandma die? Is there really a devil? How do you know there is a heaven? Could Jesus' disciples have made up the story about Jesus coming back to life? Does my Muslim friend pray to the same God I do? Why does God let bad things happen? How many gods are there? Does it matter which God people believe in?

This workshop aims to better equip you in helping children and teenagers feel comfortable to ask and explore their own questions.

SUFM

Games are fun and connect with all ages

Jennifer Gordon

Games are awesome! And not just for sporty, extroverted people. Games have the potential to help people feel included and build wonderful friendships. Come and learn a variety of games for a variety of situations and age groups and how to run them successfully. Everyone needs to have a handful of games in their repertoire.

SUFM Theos

Toolkit for Growing Great Kids: connecting with parents around parenting conversations

Phil Day

A valuable contribution to parents on holidays is to help them to find the space to listen to and share stories around parenting tools. Simple introductions to basic ideas are proving to be an effective method of contacting and relating to parents.

SUFM

Cooking on a Mission Team: hints, hygiene, health

Fi Hore-Lacy & Stu Harper

Meet other cooks, share ideas, swap recipes, learn about catering for specific dietary requirements and how there is more to cooking on a mission team than good recipes.

Cooks - SUFM Theos

SUFM Directors

Mavis Payne

Encouragement and resources for the lead up to mission.

Directors: SUFM

Theos Directors

Rowan Fairbairn

Encouragement and sharing of resources for the lead up to mission

Directors: Theos

Workshop Presenters:

Andrew Jones is a Training Consultant and accredited Leadership Coach with experience in improving the self-awareness and ongoing effectiveness of leaders and teams. He grew up in Africa where his passion for cross-cultural mission was seeded. His 6 years on SUFM, including leading the teens' program, give context for this workshop.

Anthony Collier is a former Director of Queenscliff Theos and a member of the Theos Development Group. He has for many years been involved in ministry with young people through Theos and youth groups. As a secondary school History teacher he connects with young people on a daily basis.

Beth Barnett trained as a teacher and has been a children and families minister in churches; she has directed and been part of numerous SUFMs and is currently a part of the McCrae team. Beth has written the SUFM resource, *Rewind* as well as writing songs which are used in mission. She is currently resourcing people in children and families' ministry across Victoria with the Baptist Union, teaching at Whitley and Ridley Colleges, doing a PhD, as well as being a mother and wife.

Brendan Petty lives in a unique intersection of fields - music, ministry, computers, theology, teaching, organising, creating, recording and studying. He is a director of McCrae SUFM and a founding member of Snack Music, a team which makes children's mission music a fun and effective way of engaging with kids. He is quite fond of vegetarian lasagne.

Bruce Langtry is a senior fellow in philosophy at the University of Melbourne. He is retired, while still active in philosophical discussion, and publication in professional philosophy journals. His best-known work is *God, the Best and Evil* (Oxford University Press 2008). He is a long-standing member of St Jude's Anglican Church, Carlton.

Chris Mulherin has a portfolio career: he's a Jack of all trades who dabbles in Anglican ordained ministry, doctoral research, radio production and other pursuits. He's worked in Argentina as a missionary for 13 years and before that for Scripture Union for 3 years. He's a bit crazy but he doesn't mind if you mention it.

Colette Harrison is the Children's Minister at St Columbs Anglican Church and is a part time student at Ridley College. She is a Mum of two Uni students and worked for many years as a primary school teacher, much of that in the Catholic system where she daily taught Religious Education.

Dave Tolputt is the State Director of SU Victoria. He is passionate about facilitating mission with people in our own backyard. He has led and been part of SUFM and Theos teams and this year is on Cowes Theos. He loves sharing God's good news with others and listening to good music through great sound equipment.

Don Stott

Don has worked as a teacher, Scripture Union children's worker, children's and family minister and is currently a Chaplain in the junior school at Trinity Grammar where he teaches Religious Education and provides pastoral care. Don is married with two adult daughters and two young grandsons.

Elizabeth Oldland brings to the Emergency Response Team her experience in an emergency ward in a large hospital. She currently is teaching nurses at Deakin University as well as being a wife and mother.

Fiona Hore-Lacy has cooked at various SU events, including SUFMs and camps. She is trained in food science and has particular interest in learning to create fructose and gluten free meals. Fiona is part of the SU Cooks Development Group.

Jen Gordon loves working with children and students of all ages. She has spent the last 8 years running youth group and camp programs at St Hilary's Kew and a lot of time in schools; she is a qualified Secondary School teacher. Jen firmly believes that games are an important part of interacting with students and has had a lot of experience working out what works with different groups of students. Her favourite games are Dodegball, Dodo and Ninja Mega Destruction.

Julie-anne Laird is an Evangelist at Melbourne Uni with Christian Union. She is married to Andrew and they have 4 children aged 10-15. She loves drinking good coffee and loves catching up with friends and loves going on Beach Mission! Go Rosebud!!!

Kat Tearns has been a member of Queenscliff and Barwon Heads Theos where she opens the Bible with unchurched youth.

Keith Dyer is the Professor of New Testament at Whitley Theological College and has been a member of the SU Victoria Board.

Mavis Payne is the SU Missions Coordinator. She has been a leader on Theos and SUFM and loves helping to resource people for mission. She is currently completing a subject on Leadership and Management. If you are not part of an SU mission team, and would love to be part of one, have a chat with her today.

Phil Day has been a volunteer and staff member with Scripture Union for around 40 years starting as a teenager on Queenscliff CSSM when I was 17. That experience changed my life and my life's direction. I have shared Jesus with thousands of children and families since having taken part in 35 SU missions and camps, directing 23 of these. I have been a Children's & Family Pastor in large and small churches and have loved seeing many children and adults respond to Jesus and express their faith and trust in Him.

Rowan Fairbairn has directed several Theos missions over the years and is currently a part of the Torquay Theos team. He brings experience working with vulnerable youth to

his role with the Emergency Response Team. Rowan is an Anglican minister and chair of the Theos Development Group.

Sophie Canter looks after the mission administration at SU Victoria and has oversight of Missions' Finance as well being a Theos Development Group member. She also works as the Community Engagement Coordinator at her church. In her free time Sophie is studying Theology and is part of the Lorne Theos team.

Stu Harper has cooked for the Mallacoota Theos team because he loves sharing his love of cooking as a ministry. Stu works as an architect, is a member of the Theos Development Group, and former Director of Mallacoota Theos.

Tayatea Mackenzie is the Director of Queenscliff SUFM, the former Director of Apollo Bay SUFM, and a member of the Missions Development Group.

Tim Forrester loves singing and working with kids; a real Wiggle Wannabee. He is a part of Queenscliff SUFM and studying science at uni.

Tom Craven is a former Director of Queenscliff Theos and a member of the Theos Development Group. He has experience in lay mission and ministry to young people including Theos, university campus ministry with Student Life and as part of youth and young adult ministry teams at St Columb's and St Hilary's Anglican churches. He also considers thinking about mission, ministry and evangelism to be one of his favourite hobbies.