

## Public Policy

Updates

### Edinburgh debates

CMF, CDF (Christian Dental Fellowship) and LCF (Lawyers Christian Fellowship) organised a major series of debates on whether Christianity still has a role in the public square, particularly in health and healthcare. The debates were held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh on 25 October. Around 140 people, Christians and non-Christians, including lawyers, doctors, dentists and lots of others gathered to hear a lively debate with plenty of contributions from the floor. There was a good atmosphere, with a willingness to listen and think about the issues. Mona Siddiqui was a brilliant Chair. Prof. David Galloway spoke well and thoughtfully against a robust opponent in Jeremy Purvis. Other debaters included Donald Findlay QC, Andy Bannister, Donald Macaskill and Paul Coleman. There was a good buzz afterwards and opportunities for some deep conversations.

### Saline Solution training in Northern Ireland

In early October, we had a great weekend in Belfast running the last Saline Solution training of trainers course for this year. We now have an Irish team which comprises a midwife, a dentist (and her baby!) a retired physician, a GP and a medical student. What a great team God has put together and they are already planning their first Saline training event. We are hoping this team, although all from the North will be able to reach out to the whole island of Ireland with Saline training and help healthcare workers to be confident in living and speaking for Jesus in the workplace.

This is the last training of trainers planned in our current Saline strategy, as we now have trainers well-spread throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

**Stephanie Moss**, Associate for Workplace Evangelism

## Volunteers

Updates

### Deep:ER

In September, we welcomed a new cohort of Deep:ER Fellows. The Deep:ER programme is a one year volunteering and



training programme for students on an intercalating year, the newly qualified and those taking an early career break (eg an F3 year). Over the course of the year, each will

be working on a specific project or series of projects within the wide range of CMF ministries. Alongside practical action, they will be trained and disciplined by CMF members and staff. The aim of a Deep:ER fellowship is to help young doctors and nurses go Deep:ER into their faith and profession and to discover how God is at work in the interface.

This year's Deep:ER Fellows are: **Anastasia Donnir**, **Leo Hacking**, **Jacob Oguntimehin**, **Caleb Owomoyela** and **Ros Revans**.

### Associates

This autumn we also welcomed two new Associates:



Gemma Irvine

**Gemma Irvine**, who will be working one day a week as a Nurses Associate Staff Worker. Based in Glasgow, she will also be supporting student nurse groups in Aberdeen, Dundee and Edinburgh.



David Smithard

**David Smithard** has joined the Communications and Public Policy Teams one afternoon

a week as the *Triple Helix* Editor and on various writing and research projects for the Public Policy Team

Associates are CMF members who give up anything from half a day to a couple of days each week to work on dedicated projects within CMF. Each role is tailor-made around the individual member, and can vary from student ministry to administrative support, to teaching and training in specialist programmes like Saline Solution.

If you want to know more about Associates, Deep:ER or other volunteering opportunities at CMF, visit [cmf.org.uk/volunteer](http://cmf.org.uk/volunteer) or contact John Greenall visit [cmf.li/JG\\_Vols](http://cmf.li/JG_Vols)

### CMF Pastoral Care Program update

Many thanks to those who have completed the National Pastoral Care Survey. Some early analysis suggests that a significant number of Christian doctors and nurses feel a need for pastoral support that is focussed and does not appear to be available in their church settings. Other major themes include managing expectations in themselves and from others, workload and burnout. We will be publishing the findings in depth in due course, but there is a clear message that the pastoral needs of Christian healthcare staff are real and significant.

It has also become clear that many members feel called to help in this area and CMF wants to encourage the development of pastoral gifts in members who want to be involved. We are exploring ways to recognise those who want to help other members pastorally by establishing a recognised Pastoral Care Partner role. We are also seeking to support these Partners by gathering together people with special experience to form a Pastoral Care Advisory Group. Do pray for wisdom as we think this through and that the Lord would lay this on the hearts of those who should be involved.

If you are interested in looking further into partnering with CMF to provide pastoral care, then please do contact Steve Sturman, Associate Head of Doctors Ministries: [steve.sturman@cmf.org.uk](mailto:steve.sturman@cmf.org.uk)

### Christ Centred Pastoral Care for Healthcare Staff, 7 Dec, Johnson House, London



What might good Christian pastoral care and mentoring for clinicians look like? How do we help one another to 'grow in grace', recovering a sense of God's rule in our lives?

This one-day conference explores the need for pastoral care for clinicians and how we might be equipped to meet it. To book and for info, visit [cmf.li/PastlCareConf19](http://cmf.li/PastlCareConf19)