



BASS
British Association
for the Study of Spirituality

**Fourth International Conference of the
British Association for the Study of Spirituality**

***Can spirituality transform our world?
New frontiers in understanding and
exploring contemporary spiritualities***

Monday 23 May - Thursday 26 May 2016

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

MONDAY 23 MAY

- 16.00 Registration desk opens
18.00 Welcome reception
Evening free for own arrangements

TUESDAY 24 MAY

- 9.15 Welcome and Introduction: Prof. Margaret Holloway
9.30 **'Spiritual but not religious': encapsulating the mood or counter-cultural?**
Chair: Prof. Chris Clarke
KEYNOTE: Prof. Graham Harvey
If SBNR people are not religious what difference do they make?
10.30 Coffee break
11.00 **Parallel sessions** (oral papers)
 - Theme 1: Religion, spirituality and secularisation
 - Theme 5: Spirituality as transformative12.30 Lunch
Stands / posters
13.30 **Workshops**
14.30 **'To be spiritual is to be happy': experienced truth or elaborate hoax?**
Chair: Venerable Arthur Hawes
KEYNOTE: Dr Mike King
The Epistemology of Spiritual Happiness
15.30 Tea break

- 16.00 **Parallel sessions** (oral papers)
- Theme 2: Spirituality, health and wellbeing
- 17.30 Break
- 18.00 Network meetings / Round tables
- 19.30 Dinner (Chancellors)

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

- 9.30 **The spirit of enquiry: evidence-based or ways of knowing?**
Chair: Prof. Wilf McSherry
KEYNOTE: Prof. Mel Gray
More than science: Spirit and tradition as evidence for environment
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Parallel sessions** (oral papers)
- Theme 3: Spirituality research, methodological questions and forms of knowledge
 - Theme 5: Spirituality as transformative
- 12.30 Lunch
Stands / posters
- 13.30 **Parallel sessions** (oral papers)
- Theme 3: Spirituality research, methodological questions and forms of knowledge
 - Theme 5: Spirituality as transformative
- 15.00 Tea
Close

THURSDAY 26 MAY

- 9.00 **A rose by any other name? Spiritual care and practice in secular organisations**
Chair: Dr Linda Ross
KEYNOTES:
- **Prof. Philip J. Larkin: *Compassion: the essence of palliative and end-of-life care***
 - **Dr Fiona Gardner: *Critical Spirituality as holistic practice***
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Parallel sessions** (oral papers)
- Theme 4: Distinctiveness and appropriateness of spiritual care in secular organisations
- 12.30 Lunch
Stands / posters
- 13.30 **Workshops**
- 14.30 Closing plenary
- 15.00 Tea and BASS AGM

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We look forward to seeing you...



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