

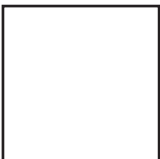
False Intimacy

The internet, pornography and pastoral care

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Main Speakers



Dr Lisa Guinness is the Director of Living Waters, with which she has been involved for twenty years. Lisa has a medical background in psychiatry and in child development. She is married to Christopher, a hospital chaplain and has three grown up children.



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Booking details:

Conference fee: £25 which includes lunch, morning coffee and conference pack

Book at www.care.org.uk/falseintimacy and either book on-line or print off a booking form.

Would it be helpful for your church youth worker or youth pastor to attend False Intimacy with you?

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contains travel directions and other helpful details. Updated information about the conference will be posted here regularly.

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A day conference to equip church leaders and others involved in pastoral care to respond effectively to the needs of people with a dependence on internet pornography

Renfield St Stephens Church Centre
260 Bath Street
Glasgow G2 4JP

Thursday, 24th November 2011



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The internet has changed many of the patterns of our lives over recent years. Retailing is no longer confined to the high street and the malls; information on virtually anything is only a click away; news goes worldwide as soon as it happens. Mostly, the innovations are beneficial.

With the internet offering anyone the freedom to publish without restriction, inevitably there is also a dark and subversive side. Two contrasting personalities have each shared concerns about the internet. Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google sums up the internet as 'The largest experiment in anarchy we have ever had'. 'A trailer park for the soul' was how libertarian rock star Marilyn Manson described the internet. So, from widely varying viewpoints there is agreement that the uncontrolled and unaccountable nature of the internet can bring threats.

Publishers of pornography, freed from the limitations of printing, publishing and distributing their publications, have grasped the potential of the internet with enthusiasm. Consumers of pornography, freed from the embarrassment and discomfiture of finding an appropriate retail outlet, have responded to this new availability.

Indeed, as telephone technology becomes increasingly sophisticated, reliance on a computer diminishes; anything can be viewed at any time - a special threat to children freed from the home supervision of their parents.

CARE has for long had a concern, and has campaigned for many years, about the dehumanising potential of pornography. This concern was initiated in earlier days by the easy availability of 'top-shelf' magazines. Now inevitably the biggest threat is on-line pornography. Our surveys of church leaders have shown that many - 97% in one survey - believe on-line pornography to be a serious issue within the Church, and most had been involved pastorally with parishioners struggling with a reliance on internet pornography. Many of these church leaders felt ill-equipped in offering pastoral support in this area.

False Intimacy intends to provide understanding and skills to enable church leaders and others involved in pastoral care to bring hope and healing to an addiction which can result in self-absorption, deluded relationships, a distancing from the Lord, and occasionally family breakdown.

The morning sessions will provide an understanding of the cycle which can lead people into dependence. In the afternoon, after a choice of workshops, there will be guidance on offering an effective pastoral response.

Even if dependence on internet pornography may not yet have emerged as a pastoral issue in your church, surveys clearly suggest that within most churches there are likely to be people for whom misuse of the internet in this way will be a lifestyle and spiritual challenge. As our reliance on the internet grows, and as the availability of subversive material increases, it can be expected that this will be a pastoral concern which is likely to become more visible from people both inside and outside the Church.

Ministers, pastors, and pastoral care workers need to be prepared and equipped to respond appropriately. This day conference seeks to provide the knowledge and skills to make that possible.

PROGRAMME

Care

Morning (10 am - 12.30pm):

9.30 -10am Registration and Coffee

Opening worship

Setting the scene

Why are we at this conference?

Going nowhere fast

Diminishing returns of pornography

I just can't stop

Addictive consequences of pornography use

What's going on?

Pornography use flows from our wounded hearts

Personal testimonies

Q & A

Afternoon: (2-4pm):

Workshops

Workshop 1:

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Workshop 4:

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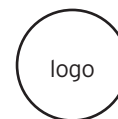
Pastoral approaches to internet addiction:

- Practical measures
- The healing journey

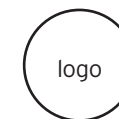
Ministry time

Most of the sessions will be presented by the staff of Living Waters

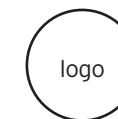
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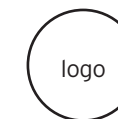
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