



# Transforming the Mind

## The 16th Annual National Christian Postgrads' Conference

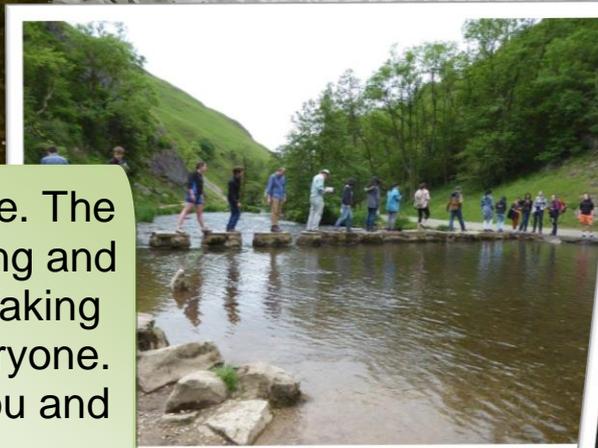
for postgraduate students & postdoctoral researchers

15-17 June 2018  
Dovedale House  
Derbyshire

*Keynote speakers*  
Nick Megoran  
Eline van Asperen

"This is a wonderful conference. The atmosphere is warm, welcoming and friendly. I greatly enjoyed speaking there myself and meeting everyone. This conference will inspire you and may change your life!"

- Professor Sir Colin Humphreys (Former Chair "Christians in Science")



*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*

Are you studying for a masters or PhD while seeking to follow Jesus Christ? Are you a Christian working in a university or other academic centre and struggling to find people who understand your calling? *Transforming the Mind* could be the most important date in your diary this year!

Come and unwind in the beautiful setting of Dovedale House and share your busy life with other students and young academics. This unique weekend features talks by experienced speakers, group discussion, outdoor leisure and worship time, all in fellowship with other Christians as we seek to integrate academic life with faith in Christ.

Coming from many disciplines, nations and cultures, we meet together to encourage each other and explore what God is calling us to be and to do in the university and beyond. We ask questions about our faith, our work, our relationships and our world, seeking to share wisdom and to learn from each other by God’s Spirit.

*Transforming the Mind* challenges us to offer ourselves ‘as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God’, being ‘transformed by the renewing of [our] mind’ (Romans 12:1–2).

## Organisers

The *Transforming the Mind* organising committee comprises Christians from various parts of the world who are currently based in UK universities or have a background in UK academia. To see who we are, visit [www.transformingthemind.org](http://www.transformingthemind.org) > Committee

## Venue

Dovedale House (Ilam, Derbyshire, DE6 2AZ) lies in a picturesque village between the Dove and Manifold valleys in the beautiful countryside of the Peak District National Park. Accommodation will be in shared dormitories. A limited number of rooms offer disabled access. Transport can be arranged from Derby railway station.

## Registration and Fees

**Cost: £89 for students and the unwaged (£79 early bird rate before 30 April); £99 for others** (including all meals and accommodation, and transport from Derby rail station if requested)

If the cost is a problem for you, please contact us, briefly explaining your circumstances. Equally, if you are able to provide an additional donation to help us in providing bursaries we would be very grateful for any contribution.

## Further information:

Visit [www.transformingthemind.org](http://www.transformingthemind.org) or email [enquiries@christianpostgrad.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@christianpostgrad.org.uk)

## Speakers

**Dr Nick Megoran** is Reader in Political Geography at Newcastle University. His research interests include the geopolitics of Central Asia since the Cold War and more broadly the dynamics of warfare and peacemaking. He is the author of *Nationalism in Central Asia*, *Warlike Christians in An Age of Violence*, and *The War on Terror: How Should Christians Respond?*, and of numerous articles for both academic and general readers. He is co-chair of The Northumbria and Newcastle Universities Martin Luther King Peace Committee, a keen supporter of Scunthorpe United Football Club, and a member of Heaton Baptist Church.



**Dr Eline van Asperen** is a postdoctoral researcher in palaeoecology, based at Newcastle and Durham Universities. She is interested in finding out how people, animals and plants interacted in the past, with the aim of contributing to modern-day conservation issues. Her research covers a wide range of environmental remains from the ice ages, including bones, pollen, phytoliths, and fungi that grow on animal dung!

Eline is originally from The Netherlands, where she studied Archaeological Sciences at Leiden University. She moved to the UK in 2006 to pursue a PhD in York, followed by two postdocs at Liverpool John Moores University. Eline first came to TTM in 2007, where she met her (British) husband Anthony, and in 2016 they moved to Durham. As a flatlander by birth she is enjoying the hills!

## Last year's conference



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## Registration Form

### Personal Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male / Female

Contact  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

University / college / place of work: \_\_\_\_\_ Department and status (Masters / PhD / Postdoc / etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require an evening meal on the Friday? Yes / No

Any special requirements (dietary, access, etc):  
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### Payment

Registration includes all meals, accommodation, and station lifts if necessary:

- £99
- £89 (students and unwaged)
- £79 (students and unwaged, before 30 April)
- Bursary request (please contact us with further information)

Donations to support the Conference enable us to keep prices down for students and to provide bursaries. If you're able to, will you consider making a donation?

Donation: £ \_\_\_\_\_

You can book online: go to [www.transformingthemind.org](http://www.transformingthemind.org) and follow the "Registration" link. After completing the form, you'll be prompted to pay using PayPal.

Alternatively, send this completed form and a cheque (payable to *CPCOG*) to: Dr Eline van Asperen, Newlyn, Newcastle Road, Crossgate Moor, Durham, DH1 4HZ.