



Uniting Across Europe Conference Programme

“ An inspiring and intense experience and I would encourage you to continue providing these unique spaces for all national movements and local YMCAs across Europe. ”

Juan Simoes Iglesias, Secretary General, YMCA Europe

YMCA European Christian Mission Conference

Görlitz, Germany/ Zgorzelec, Poland

13th - 16th February 2014

Speakers



Joachim Schmutz

Joe has been volunteering with the YMCA since 1982 and started working for YMCA Munich in 1992.

Joe is now the Executive Director at the Munich YMCA, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Urban Network and working with Mission Networks around the world.



Roland Werner

Roland holds two PhDs - in Theology and African Linguistics. Together with his wife Elke he started and led Christus-Treff, an ecumenical Christian fellowship in Marburg, reaching up to 1,000 people weekly. He has authored many books and translated the New Testament and Psalms into a modern German Version. As of 2011 he became the National General Secretary of YMCA Germany.

UNIFY 2014 is a platform for paid staff and volunteers from European YMCAs to meet together, share experiences, pray and worship, gain inspiration and discover new resources for their work, so that the YMCA can be:

- More confident in its roots as a Christian ecumenical Movement
- Better able to make its Christian identity relevant to today's young people and communities

Thursday

16.00^{pm} Arrivals, Check in

18.30^{pm} Dinner

20.00^{pm} Welcome & Introduction

Worship & Prayer

The YMCA a "Christ-Centered" Movement

Joachim Schmutz

21.30^{pm} UNIFY Café

Friday

8.00^{am} Breakfast

9.15^{am} Small Group Discussion

10.30^{am} Presentations from across Europe

Worship & Prayer

The Transforming Power of the Gospel

Roland Werner, General Secretary YMCA Germany

A European View: Juan Simoes Iglesias, General Secretary YMCA

Europe

12.30^{pm} Lunch

13.30^{pm} Options: City tour through Görlitz, Sports, etc.

15.30^{pm} Workshops

18.00^{pm} Dinner with families of volunteers from YMCA Görlitz/Zgorzelec

20.00^{pm} Cultural showcase

Presentations from across Europe

21.30^{pm} Unify Café

Saturday

8.00^{am} Breakfast

9.15^{am} Small Group Discussions

10.30^{am} Presentations from across Europe

Worship & Prayer

Serving Those in Need Through Commitment and Solidarity

Rev. Samuel Stephens, India

Inclusive Christianity: Contributing to YMCA Europe's strategy

12.30^{pm} Lunch

14.30^{pm} Field trips

- Prayer Walk through Zgorzelec and Görlitz
- Introducing the work of YMCA Görlitz
- Sports
- Visit the Youth Prison in Görlitz
- Visit the City Council & Meet the Mayor
- and more

18.30^{pm} Dinner

20.00^{pm} Worship & Prayer

21.30^{pm} UNIFY Café

Sunday

8.00^{am} Breakfast

9.15^{am} Small Groups Discussion: *What will we take away from Unify 2014?*

10.30^{am} Worship & Commissioning Service

How do we live out a Christian fellowship in the YMCA?

Csaba Veres, YMCA Transylvania

12.30^{pm} Lunch and Depart

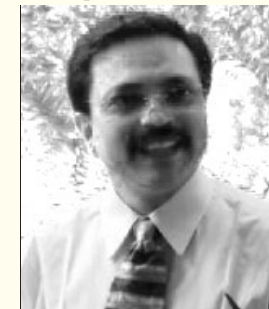
“One of the most Christ-centred YMCA conferences I have attended in my 45 years of YMCA service.”

John Drake, UK Ambassador for YMCAs in the Holy Land

“I am so glad to be able to share my experiences with the Board. I'm sure UNIFY will have deep impact on our work!”

Dorothee Pfrommer, General Secretary, CVJM-Kreisverband Siegerland, Germany

Speakers



Samuel Stephens

Rev. Samuel D. Stephens is the President of Salem YMCA, India and has served in many leadership positions in the international YMCA movement.

He is also the Director of the India Gospel League, a holistic mission organisation in South India.



Csaba Veres

Csaba is the General Secretary of YMCA Transylvania and is part of the leadership team for UNIFY.

“Over the past four days I was personally blessed and challenged”

Peter Crory, National Secretary, YMCA Scotland



Workshops which draw on the experience of facilitators throughout Europe, include:

- Change agents - a biblical perspective
- 100 years of prayer - Zinendorf, the Moravians and 24-7
- Using creativity and dance
- Living out the gospel in a chaotic world
- Christian fellowships in the YMCA

Travel Arrangements

ARRIVALS

Visitors are encouraged to arrive at Dresden Airport between 10 AM and 3 PM on Thursday 13th February.

YMCA volunteers will meet UNIFY guests at the airport between these times and direct them to the railway station.

Onward travel from Dresden Airport to Görlitz will be by train. Around 20 euros one-way.

YMCA volunteers will meet UNIFY guests at Görlitz train station and direct them to the conference.

DEPARTURES

UNIFY guests are advised to book outgoing flights from Dresden Airport, departing the airport from 5 PM onwards on Sunday 15th February.

YMCA volunteers will direct UNIFY guests to Görlitz train station for travel to the airport. Around 20 euros one-way.



Organised by Görlitz and Munich YMCAs, in association with several European YMCAs and YMCA National Councils.

