



Workshop session information

Session 1

Sunday 6th October | 2.30pm - 3.45pm

1.	<p>How do we amplify our action collectively as Emmaus companions? - Companions only session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chaired by: Steve Pope, Chair of the Companions Committee and companion at Emmaus Dover <p>Among items on the Companions Committee agenda, this companions only session will provide all companions the chance to discuss ways those with lived experience of homelessness at Emmaus can help more people through solidarity, and champion the work of Emmaus in their communities.</p>
2.	<p>Being Better Connected</p>

- **Cara Green, National Communications Manager, Emmaus UK**
- **Ewan Quayle, Communications Officer, Emmaus UK**

Digital networks have transformed the way we live, work and play. Discover and shape how a new online platform will level up federation-wide communications, to support the development of partnerships between individuals, communities and groups within Emmaus in the UK, better connecting companions, staff, volunteers and Board members.

3. Building Strong Community Partnerships

- **Ross Watkins, Partnership Manager, Emmaus SLC**

With connections spanning from grassroots community groups to national service providers, Emmaus SLC has built a strong network of community connections which call on each other for mutual support. This workshop is for anyone who wants to become more involved in their wider community and be better placed to help more people.

4. Taking global action with Emmaus

Emmaus communities and groups in the UK form part of a powerful international movement of 400+ Emmaus groups, taking global action on social exclusion and injustice. Find out more about the opportunities to get involved with the work of Emmaus internationally, from annual Salon's and World Assembly to committee membership.

5.	<p>Supporting companions to move on from Emmaus and thrive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verity James -Sinetos, Development Advisor (Housing & Homelessness)• Ellis Burgin, Development Advisor (Quality & Compliance)• Martin Burrows, Impact and Evaluation Manager <p>This workshop will bring companions, staff and trustees together to understand the companion journey through Emmaus. The session will help to define 'move-on' as a broad range of outcomes, explore obstacles and solutions, and develop actions towards successful 'move-on' working in collaboration.</p>
6.	<p>Lived experience influencing government policy: An opportunity to help shape the Supported Housing Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sam Dalton, Policy, Campaigns and External Affairs Manager, Emmaus UK <p>The Supported Housing Act will introduce national standards for supported housing across the country, including our own. But what should these standards look like? What makes good and bad supported housing? We're only going to be able to answer these questions with the input of people who have lived and worked in supported housing – YOU!</p>

7.	<p>Mosaic Making with Emmaus Hertfordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosemary Blazekovic, companion at Emmaus Hertfordshire • Harley Scott, Community Support Manager <p>Get stuck in with mosaic making to create your own unique piece as a keepsake from your time at National Assembly. The session will be led by members of Emmaus Hertfordshire where expert training in the ancient art form by Montet Designs has inspired the community's upcycling, with brilliant results for social enterprise.</p>

Session 2

Sunday 6th October | 4.15pm - 5.30pm

1.	<p>Coproducing learning: An applied, personalised model of learning and development to support companions to realise their personal and employment aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Blaze, CEO, Emmaus Oxford
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- **Gonda Coetzee - Learning & Development Manager, Emmaus Oxford**

This workshop explores how a Learning & Development model being implemented at Emmaus Oxford uses applied adult learning to support companions to realise their aspirations. The session also covers the role of L&D and workplace coaching in supporting companions to enhance their employment potential, with a focus on co-produced, personalised learning and development pathways.

2. **Prioritising personal wellbeing: The importance of physical activity for positive mental health**

- **Steve Pope, companion at Emmaus Dover and Chair of the Companions Committee**
- **Verity James-Sinetos, Development Advisor (Housing & Homelessness)**

Companion wellbeing is a core principle of the Emmaus support model. But how do you prioritise your physical and mental health? Join this session to learn how physical activities have a positive effect on our mental health by releasing feel-good hormones, lowering stress and boosting self-esteem, as well as improving fitness levels and overall health.

3. **Demonstrating the impact of your community's action through effective monitoring, evaluation and learning practises**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Burrows, Impact Evaluation Manager, Emmaus UK <p>As the homelessness crisis deepens, it is more important than ever that Emmaus communities and groups demonstrate the impact of their transformative work. This session covers the benefits and challenges of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), explores good practice across the federation and shares plans for future support from Emmaus UK around MEL.</p>
4.	<p>Overcoming Fundraising Challenges with Local Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Watkins, Partnership Manager, Emmaus SLC <p>As the world of fundraising is becoming ever more challenging, Emmaus SLC has looked for alternative activities to help fill the gap. Through existing and new local partnerships, the community has found fundraising success by targeting community engagement activities and undertaking more fundraising 'in kind'. Find out how the model can be replicated at your community.</p>
5.	<p>Raising Our Voices: Practical tips for storytelling with impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey McDevitt, Regional Communications Manager, Emmaus UK • Sarah Edge, Regional Communications Officer, Emmaus UK

Storytelling has the power to build and sustain positive external relationships to raise awareness and support for your Emmaus. This workshop will provide practical tips and skills for sharing people-focused stories and community news to empower everyone in your Emmaus to shout louder about the achievements that happen every day.

6. **Lived experience influencing government policy: An opportunity to help shape the Supported Housing Act**

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Session 3

Monday 7th October | 11am – 12.15pm

1.	<p>The perks of specialist coffee in social enterprise: A barista masterclass with Blind Owl Coffee Co.</p> <p>Discover how Emmaus communities and groups can tap into the growing appetite for speciality coffee. This Blind Owl Coffee Co. masterclass is for staff, companions, and anyone who loves coffee, to discover the potential of barista development as a skills and employment opportunity for companions, as well as an income generator for Emmaus social enterprise.</p>
2.	<p>The sweet smell of success: Establishing corporate opportunities that support Emmaus communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathalia Ardila, Selena Wagstaff, Kelly Warboys, Angel Stavrevska, and Jo Lambert at CPL

- **Victoria Simkins, Corporate Partnerships Manager, Emmaus UK**

Advice on developing corporate partnerships will be shared before a masterclass in the art of fragrance making is delivered by staff from the international fragrance house CPL. Learn to recognise scents and create your own personalised fragrance, for men or women, to take away as a treat for yourself or as a gift.

3. Enabling Stronger Local Strategic Partnerships

- **Jeremy White, Head of National Partnerships at Homeless Link**

A workshop for anyone interested in learning how to work effectively in partnership with local authorities, other public bodies, voluntary and community, and faith-based sector groups. The aim of this workshop is to equip individuals, companions and staff operating across operational and strategic levels, with the tools needed to improve and challenge partnership approaches locally.

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5. **In Your Corner: Building wellbeing networks**

- **Steve James, Co-Founder of The Cornermen**

The most profound Emmaus partnerships are often relationships formed within communities and groups: companion to companion, between companions and staff.

This session is led by Steve James, co-founder of The Cornermen men's mental health charity and former Emmaus community leader, who draws on his wealth of experience in homelessness services and suicide prevention to show how we can look out for each other and build networks for positive mental health.

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7. **SkyWaves: Overcoming challenges in residential planning and development with partnership working**

- **Donna Cezair, Chief Executive, Worthing Homes**
- **Catherine Hill, Director of Partnerships and Federation Development, Emmaus UK**

SkyWaves is a residential development led by Worthing Homes to help people out of homelessness, made possible after a long journey through partnership working.

Donna is keen to share the planning and development challenges and good fortune they encountered along the way so others can learn from the experience, making it easier to replicate schemes like SkyWaves across the UK.

8. **Rough Sleeping Census: Evidencing the true scale of women's rough sleeping in England**

- **Toni Warner, Deputy CEO, Single Homeless Project**

This informative workshop will explain how, through the power of partnerships, an idea formed in co-production grew from a local London project to a National campaign, to evidence the true scale of women's rough sleeping in England.

The session will cover why and how the campaign was developed, key milestones along the journey to elevating the ask to Central government, and where the campaign is now. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions and discuss other areas where gaps need to be filled to evidence the true scale of rough sleeping.