

TISCA | The Independent Schools Christian Alliance

Main title: *'Purposeful and soulful leadership in schools'*

Theme: a one-day online conference for aspiring school leaders & for all those supporting them

Organisers: The Association of Christian Teachers (ACT) and TISCA (the Independent Schools Christian Alliance)

Sponsors: Moore Barlow LLP

Focus groups: teachers already beginning to take on (or consider) a leadership role in school - at Department or Faculty level, Year Group, Deputy Headship, Headship. In addition, those supporting such staff members through mentoring, encouragement and prayer (including retirees and Governors)

Date: Thursday, 4th March 2021

Venue: Online via Zoom

Pricing:

- members of ACT or TISCA: £20
- non-members: £25
- retirees: £15

Programme for the day:

0815: Zoom opens for registration

0830: Welcome (ACT and TISCA) – respective Chairs

0845: Purposeful & Soulful Leadership 1 ([Laura and James Mears](#) of *Salmon Swimming*): ***Know Yourself to Lead Yourself: Everyone is a Leader.***

This session with focus on how to lead with confidence using your God-given 'voice'.

[James and Laura](#) are married co-founders of *Salmon Swimming*. James teaches and coaches within the Dean Close School Foundation, Cheltenham.

0920: Breakout groups

0940: Q&A with [Laura and James Mears](#)

1000: Short break

1015: Purposeful & Soulful Leadership 2 ([Alistair Bullen](#) of ABA, *Alistair Bullen Associates*): ***The central importance of Godly values within an organisation.***

This session will focus on how to create a 'values' culture for teams

1050: Breakout groups

1110: Q&A with [Alistair Bullen](#)

1130: Break

1150: BBi Project 100: Supporting life-transforming education and greater inclusion in our schools

(presentation by Justin Blake) [Justin Blake](#) is the HundrED UK Lead and BBi Head of Education and regularly advises on social change and national and international events and conferences.

1210: Seminars 1 (from list below)

1250: A word from our sponsors, [Moore Barlow LLP](#), and other notices

1310: Lunch – an opportunity to chat via break out rooms or simply ‘chill’

1345: Seminars 2 (from list below)

1435: Short break

1445: Q&A Panel (all speakers involved): chaired by [Lizzie Harewood](#) (ACT Executive Officer)

1520: Conclusions

1530: Finish

Seminars: five on offer (thus delegates choose two) led by...

1. **Areti Bizior** (Head of Luckley House)...leading as a new Head: ***A new calling: a personal reflection on the journey to Headship.*** ([Areti](#), a teacher of Economics, Business and Computer Science, became Head of Luckley in September 2020 and was previously Deputy Head at Downe House)
2. **Ron Skelton** (Head of Broadway Academy)...leading as a Head of an Academy: ***Seizing the day: reflections on what it means as a Christian leader to take opportunities and to mould your school.*** ([Ron](#), a PE and RS teacher, became Head at Broadway in 2008 and has been a Local Leader in Education in Birmingham since 2011.)
3. **Simon Wilsher** (CEO of C-Me) and **Mark Herbert** (Head of Education for C-Me): ***Helping staff and pupils to become the very best version of who they are.*** This is motivated by the conviction that God has wired us differently and with a unique purpose. Understanding this will help transform the influence and impact of the Kingdom of God in education. ([Simon](#) has been Chair of Governors at Monkton Combe and [Mark](#) has taught Overseas and at Rugby School.)
4. **Alistair Bullen** of ABA...culture, brand and marketing: ***Setting the culture: taking a ‘deeper dive’ from his keynote presentation- looking at the ‘heartbeat’ of culture.*** Heartbeat is a deep dive in to how to build an effective culture within your organisation
5. **Laura and James Mears** of Salmon Swimming: ***How to Stay Healthy in Teaching & Leading.*** We all have leanings. Knowing our unique voice can help us avoid unwanted outcomes and celebrate what we bring. ([Laura and James](#) are the married co-founders of Salmon Swimming team and leadership training. James teaches at Dean Close School, Cheltenham.)

Brief biographies of speakers:

Laura and James Mears

James and Laura are married co-founders of Salmon Swimming - Team & Leadership. They met whilst teaching at Dean Close School, where Laura was Head of Religious Studies & Philosophy. James teaches Business, and delivers Leadership Coaching within the Foundation, whilst Laura works with a number of individuals, organisations and schools.

For more information: www.salmonswimming.com

For a free personality assessment and other resources, go to: giant.tv/5voices/lauramears



James Mears



Laura Mears

Alistair Bullen

Alistair Bullen Alistair founded ABA in 1985, which is a culture, brand and marketing agency. Alistair heads up the work in ABA around transformational change in organisations, looking at culture and brand.

Website: www.aba-design.co.uk



Alistair Bullen

Justin Blake

Justin Blake is the **UK Lead for HundrED**, a global not-for-profit organisation working in over 100 countries to spread impactful innovation and quality learning. Justin lives in Sussex with his wife and children and has been a teacher for over 25 years and was Head of Social Responsibility at Windlesham House School.



Justin Blake

Simon Wilsher

Simon has spent twenty years as a governor in two schools, Monkton and Hawthorns, and fourteen years with the American training organisation, Carnegie. He is founder of the Wilsher Group and C-Me which work with schools (and other organisations) to help develop a healthy self-image. Website: wilsher-group.com / colour-profiling.com



Simon Wilsher

Mark Herbert

Mark taught at Rugby School and in The Gambia and has spent the last ten years serving as a Church Pastor and Chair of a Youth Charity (Lighthouse Thame and Villages). He heads up the education division of C-Me.



Mark Herbert

Ron Skelton

Ron is married to Victoria and has 4 children. He has been Headteacher and CEO of Broadway Academy since 2008. Since 1991 he has taught PE and in recent years RE in four schools in Worcestershire and Birmingham. He has been a Local Leader of Education since 2011 and worked successfully across many schools in Birmingham on school improvement, governance and other related issues.



Ron Skelton

Areti Bizior

Areti studied science at the University of South Africa and, prior to becoming Head at Luckley House, was Deputy Head at Downe House for seven years and Assistant Head at Queen Anne's in Caversham. She teaches Economics, Business Studies and Computer Science.



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