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The conference is supported by ACTS and the Conforti Institute, making it possible to offer this event at the very reasonable price of £10 per delegate. .

You can book your place on the conference by:

- Returning the attached booking form
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Stories from the edge

Thursday 12th October 2017

11:00 to 16:00

The Conforti Institute

Calder Avenue, Coatbridge ML5 4JS

Stories from the edge?

Faith communities in post-industrial towns across

Scotland are delivering social action to tackle the effects of poverty and to try to create a Good Society.

Many of these projects are dealing with ever-growing need and are stretched thin. Everyone is aware of the effects of poverty in big cities, but less attention is paid to the towns which were the heartlands of manufacturing industry.

This conference creates a space where 'faith-inspired social activists' from those towns can come together:

- ◇ **Sharing stories**
- ◇ **Critical reflection**
- ◇ Exploring existing aspects of what makes a Good Society locally and nationally
- ◇ Sharing visions of a Good Society in Scotland from the perspective of post-industrial towns
- ◇ Identifying the **support** required from the wider church, civil and civic society to make these visions real
- ◇ **Shifting the thinking** about what constitutes 'the

edge' and what a Good Society looks like from that perspective.

Content

- ◇ Prayers and shared worship
- ◇ Inspiring stories from churches, projects and people with lived experience
- ◇ Roundtable conversations and discussions
- ◇ Exploring the challenges and opportunities outside the big cities
- ◇ Sharing visions of a Good Society viewed through the lens of the post-industrial towns.
- ◇ Panel of respondents

Venue

The conference is at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge.

The building is fully accessible and close to Whifflet railway station.

We will send out maps and directions with a full programme when you book your place at the conference.

Overnight accommodation is available for anyone travelling from further afield.