

# Transforming the Mind: Ireland 2014 Registration Form

## Personal Details

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University, College  
or place of work : \_\_\_\_\_

Department : \_\_\_\_\_

Academic status :  
(Masters/PhD/postdoc etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements :  
(dietary, access, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

Please tick one of the following options:

- £95 Full Rate (salaried, academics & post-docs)
- £85 Concession (students & unwaged)
- £75 Early bird rate (students & unwaged) ***before 30 April***

Registration includes all meals and accommodation.

You can also book online: go to <http://TransformingTheMind.org> and follow the "Registration: Ireland" link. After completing the form, you will be prompted to pay using PayPal (Credit and Debit cards are accepted).

Alternatively, send this completed form and a cheque in Pounds Sterling for the appropriate amount, payable to CPCOG to: Dr Helen Moore, 251 Manor Lane, Lee, London, SE12 0TE.

# Transforming the Mind



## Ireland 2014

*The Annual Christian Postgraduate & Academic  
Conference, held for 12 years in Britain, now also  
at Castlewellan Castle, Co. Down*

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th June

Speakers: Dr Vinoth Ramachandra (IFES),  
Dr Cathriona Russell,  
Dr Mike Clifford,  
Dr Helen Moore,  
Dr Anthony Smith,  
Dr Maithrie White



*"This conference will inspire you and may change  
your life" Prof Sir Colin Humphries, ex chair CIS*

*"The Key event for Christian postgrads" Dr Jonathan  
Chaplin, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics*

[www.TransformingTheMind.org/ireland](http://www.TransformingTheMind.org/ireland)

*In collaboration with  
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# Transforming the Mind – Ireland 2014

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 Castlewellan Castle, 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 committee comprises Christians from various parts of the world, who are currently based in universities or undertaking freelance projects. To see who we are, visit [www.christianpostgrad.org.uk](http://www.christianpostgrad.org.uk) > Committee.

## Venue

Castlewellan Castle (Castlewellan, Co. Down, BT31 9BU) lies in picturesque parkland between lake and forest, in the County Down countryside, yet less than an hour from Belfast, and 97 minutes from Dublin. Accommodation will be in shared dormitories. A limited number of rooms offer disabled access.

## Registration and Fees

An early bird rate of £75 is available for students & unwaged, if booked before 30 April. The full rates are £85 for students and unwaged, £95 for others (including all meals and accommodation). If costs are a problem for you, please contact us, briefly explaining your circumstances.

*"'Transforming the Mind' is the key annual national event for Christian postgraduates who don't want to compartmentalise their faith from their academic vocations. Fine speakers, stimulating discussion, creative worship and a great setting. Strongly recommended."*

*- Dr Jonathan Chaplin, Director, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics*

*"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*

**Dr Vinoth Ramachandra** lives in Colombo, Sri Lanka, with his Danish wife, Karin. His formal academic training was in nuclear engineering (University of London). He has authored a few theological books and essays, and blogs occasionally at [vinothramachandra.wordpress.com](http://vinothramachandra.wordpress.com). Employed by the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, he has served in many capacities over the past thirty years. His primary passion is to help Christian students and scholars around the world engage with integrity in the conversations of their universities and the ethical issues in their societies. He also loves exploring old cities, birdwatching, murder mysteries and watching the All Blacks playing rugby.



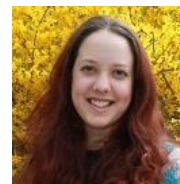
**Dr Cathriona Russell** is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Religions and Theology at Trinity College Dublin. Her original degree was in Horticulture, and in her doctorate she investigated food biotechnologies from theological and ethical perspectives. Her teaching interests include Christian Thinking about God, Theological Hermeneutics, Theology & Environmental Ethics, and Cosmology Anthropology & the Church. She co-edited a book titled *"Ethics for Graduate Researchers"* and since 2000, has volunteered as a guide at the Chester Beatty Library, which Lonely Planet calls one of Europe's best museums.

**Dr Mike Clifford** is an Associate Professor in Engineering at Nottingham and a Tearfund volunteer. Research interests include appropriate technologies for combustion, biomass briquetting and cookstove design. He was voted "engineering lecturer of the year 2009" for innovative teaching methods like costume, drama, poetry and storytelling.



**Dr Maithrie White** chairs *Transforming the Mind*. After her PhD, she headed her University's Department of English in Sri Lanka. She now lives in Belfast, and is training for ordination in the Church of Ireland. She's fascinated by the mystery of the Universe, and dabbles with theology, theory and the magic of words.

**Dr Anthony Smith** did his PhD in Astronomy at Sussex, and post-doc research on data from the Herschel Space Observatory. He has been involved with Christian postgrad groups at Sussex, York and now at Liverpool, where he also develops software. His youth was misspent playing the organ and singing in choirs, which he still does from time to time.



**Dr Helen Moore** works at MediTech Media after post-doc research at Queen Mary University. She first came to the Conference in 2009, and found it a great place to start truly integrating her Christian belief with her academic studies. She is a member of Christians in Science. In her spare time she can be found running, at the theatre, or playing board games with friends.