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BRIDGE BUILDERS' NETWORK DAY - DURHAM

Thursday, 28 January 2010, 9:30am-4:15pm, at St Nic's Church

Programme: The topic for the day is **The Power of Feelings**. We will pay particular attention to the tendency of most groups to ignore feelings and focus on intellectual or cognitive explanations for people's response to what happens in the life of the group. A case study will be used as a way into exploring this issue, with the opportunity for each participant to reflect on an example from their own experience. We will explore how to become more "emotionally literate" in the church, and to consider what some of the obstacles to this journey may be in our churches.

Please note: This day is **open to all-comers**. From 2010, we intend to run occasional open Network Days, where the subject will be approached in a way that assumes no previous training with Bridge Builders. Please feel free, therefore, to invite interested friends or colleagues to register for this day.

Cost: £20 for Network members and £50 for non-members, but with a **special introductory £40 price** for those with no Bridge Builders foundation training, who provide the name of the BB Network member who recommended the day. Your booking will not be processed until the fee is received, either by cheque, or by debit card payment over the phone. The fee covers lunch and refreshments and all materials. Cancellations are accepted up to 10 days before the day without penalty. The full fee is owed if cancelling within 10 days of the event.

Registration: To register for the day, please either send a cheque, payable to "Bridge Builders," to the address above, with a covering note identifying which Network Day you are booking for, or else call the London Mennonite Centre on 0845 4500 214 to book by debit card. If you are not a Bridge Builders' Network member and have never done a Bridge Builders 5-day foundation course, please tell us who told you about this event.

Preparation for 28 January: Take time to reflect on a situation in your experience where people's emotional responses may have been a key factor in their response to, say, a new idea or proposal or a change of some kind, but where this was not readily acknowledged by most of those involved.

Venue: The venue is St. Nic's Church, Durham DH1 3NJ. A map is available at www.stnics.org.uk/finding_us/map. (St Nic's is in the Market Place, as shown by the drawing pin on the map). The church has no car park, but there is a good Park & Ride system operating at three points on the outskirts of the city. See www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Service.aspx?ServiceId=1112 Get off the bus at the Market Place and you are at the door of the church.

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