## Building Home, Building Hope

A Conference exploring the Theology of Home

# Saturday 30 January 2010 Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh

#### Chair - Alison Elliot



10.00 am Welcome and Introduction: Dr Alison Elliot10.15 Keynote Speaker: Raymond Young CBE

Raymond has had a lifetime commitment to better housing, allied to a commitment to people. He is currently chair of Architecture and Design

Scotland.

11.00 Questions11.15 Coffee

11.45 Panel – Responding from Experience

Four people responding to the main speaker in light of their own experience of working with, researching on or being homeless people; followed by open

discussion.

1.00 pm Lunch

2.00 Workshops will feature aspects of the work of **Bethany Christian Trust**,

Crossreach, Scottish Churches Housing Action and Blythswood Care,

linking their activities to the conference theme.

3.00 Learning Points / Action Points

3.20 Theological Reflections from Alastair Cameron and Ian Galloway

Cost £10 (a limited number of free places are available on application)

This conference is part of CTPI's "Theology in the Public Square" project, and is organised in partnership with Scottish Churches Housing Action, the Salvation Army and Bethany Christian Trust.

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Scottish Churches Housing Action



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#### Building Home, Building Hope, Sat 30 January 2010 Booking Form

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### Building Home, Building Hope

What is the meaning of home in our lives? What does the Bible have to tell us about home, belonging, community – and about life without those blessings?

This conference explores what it means to live in Scotland today without a solid home base – nowhere to go out into the world from, nowhere to offer hospitality to others. It will relate those experiences to the experience of those who are well-housed, and whose home is not only a place of comfort and security, but one of their main financial investments.

Keynote speaker Raymond Young is a respected housing practitioner, a member of the lona Community, Chair of both Architecture and Design Scotland and the Rural Housing Service. His contribution will be thoughtful and provocative.

Those responding will do so from different perspectives – someone who has himself been homeless; a researcher who has engaged with young people on the issue; workers in the field. This practical focus will be reinforced in the workshops, where the emphasis will be on the possibilities of action. The day will close with further reflections based on the day's discussions.

The event is suitable for anyone with an interest in contemporary Scotland, particularly those who may be volunteering in homelessness, or belongs to a church which is committed to tackling homelessness, or considering such involvement.