

# Understanding the Spirit

## A HeartEdge Event

Tuesday 15 February, 10am-4:30pm, Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

"we can believe in a future that is bigger than the past"



**Rev. Fiona Bennett**  
Mission,  
Transformation,  
Inclusion



**Dr. Ulrich Schmiedel**  
'The Spirit  
in Public  
Theology'



**Ishbel Smith**  
'Seeing  
Ourselves As  
Others See  
Us'



**Hugh Donald**  
Reflection

Join us for a morning of talks, followed by a Q&A and an afternoon of group discussions; HeartEdge in the Scottish Context and HeartEdge Communities: assets, opportunities and needs.

\*lunch included\*

Tickets and event information at:

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From the earliest days of the Christian Church there were people who preached, prayed and evangelised. There were people who fed the hungry, cured the sick and walked alongside those who struggled. Some did all these things, but there was always encouragement for people to exercise their particular gifts. And so it is today. There is room for all who wish help our communities to thrive and people to find their worth.

In our churches we must face the challenge of numerical decline. In our communities, there is a longing for more healing and hope in a world that is fractured and divided as rarely before. Fear of oblivion can drive congregations to look inwards, but anxious institutions never win friends. When hope seems to desert, it can take us gently by the hand and we see signs of life and promise. In our churches, and with partners committed to work for human flourishing, we can overcome our own fears and help our communities thrive once more. As Sam Wells, who founded the Heart Edge movement often says, **'we can believe in a future that is bigger than the past'**.

During this Heart Edge event we will try to understand the Spirit better with perspectives from theologians, third sector practitioners and people engaged in front line ministry. Then we will spend time in group discussion seeking to explore what the Spirit is doing in our own context and find ways in which we can learn from each other, support one another and put hope, cheer and a bit of confidence back into our places which have faltered lately under the stresses and strains that we have all had to endure over the last two years.

**- Rev. Richard Frazer, Greyfriars Kirk**



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