

CELEBRATE RECOVERY UK



Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centred, 12-step recovery programme for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that control us.



BOOKING NOW OPEN!

The Celebrate Recovery UK family are coming together in person at our autumn **conference on Saturday 7 October!** Have you booked your place?

Celebrate Recovery UK has held bi-annual conferences in Derby since 2006. We would love you to join us for our 2023 conference - in just over 3 months' time!

Whether you are a leader in your Celebrate Recovery group, a sponsor, or participant, there is something for everyone! Come and celebrate Christ-centred recovery and be encouraged and equipped for recovery and ministry too.

The event is also a fantastic opportunity for church leaders to consider how Celebrate Recovery can help them care for the hurting in their churches and communities.

Early birds get 10% off the £35 ticket price by booking before the end of June! To book, use the QR Code above or go to celebraterecovery.co.uk.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY UK **7 OCT
CONFERENCE 2023**

NETWORK &
CONNECTION

SPONSORING
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TESTIMONIES

CR'S UNIQUE
FEATURES

TRAINING

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GROUP

HOW GROUPS
THRIVE

I AM HIS DAUGHTER

God used Celebrate Recovery to bring healing to Jo. Now serving at Celebrate Recovery, she shares how connection with others has been vital in ministry

"If only we had a Celebrate Recovery group in Sunderland!" I prayed as I was listening to a series of podcasts by Rick Warren. He spoke a lot about Celebrate Recovery in the USA. I was heartbroken with how my anger was hurting my husband and my sons and I was desperate to be healed.

A few months later Davina approached me at church and said that our pastors wanted to start a Celebrate Recovery group. They believed that Celebrate Recovery is a powerful discipleship programme that enables people to engage with God for themselves to be healed from their hurts, hang-ups and habits. So, I joined the ministry team as an Encourager Coach.

As I went through my Step 4 inventory, I soon discovered that the roots of my anger were in rejection – mainly from my parents. Through Celebrate Recovery, God has helped me to forgive them. 'Hurt people hurt people' and I started to realise how they too had been hurt. Through Principle 5, God showed me that he wanted to replace my orphan mentality with the truth that I am His daughter. The Holy Spirit led me to Psalm 27.10, "*Even though my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.*"

My husband John, who is our Ministry Leader, says that Celebrate Recovery is a toolkit for life that can be used in our everyday walk as disciples of Jesus. Now, as I'm walking through a season of bereavement, God is continually using the principles of Celebrate Recovery to bring healing with my habit of procrastination and my hang-up of a critical attitude towards myself.

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Psalm 27:10

John and I manage to make most of the Celebrate Recovery UK Saturday morning Ministry Leader Zoom meetings which we find fit in with the day as they leave us the rest of the day to do other things as there's no travelling!

I like the encouragement from the testimonies we hear about what God is doing in other areas of the UK with Celebrate Recovery.

When we were really struggling with our group, it kept us going knowing that we weren't the only ones with struggles after Covid with its long-term ongoing effects.

The meetings enable us to gather wisdom from Celebrate Recovery leaders and the UK National Team. The biggest benefit for me has been the training that we get online and that you can ask any questions that arise straight away and get practical answers. It helps us, as a CR team, to evaluate what we're doing, celebrate with the team what were getting right and to sort out things that we could be doing better. We find that life seems to go quickly so, it's good to have these meetings booked in the diary, to work on those things that are important but can easily get missed. We want to serve our community well and these Saturday get togethers are enabling us to do this. Thank you for letting me share. Jo

TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER



*Have you ever tried snapping a twig? It's usually pretty easy to do! Have you ever tried snapping a **bundle** of twigs? Now, that's much more difficult to break!*

*A quote, attributed to an old Shawnee chief called Tecumseh, says, "**A single twig breaks but the bundle of twigs stays strong**".*

Celebrate Recovery ministries are stronger when they're connected to each other. That's why we're hosting a UK Conference; we want to bring groups, leaders and participants together for encouragement and training in order to grow ministries that are safe and strong.

Just as we need others alongside us in recovery, the Celebrate Recovery ministry is not meant to be run in isolation; we need each other for support and guidance.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

The 7th October is a day for all! I hope to see you there!

Catherine Robinson

CELEBRATE RECOVERY UK CONFERENCE 7 OCTOBER - THE DAY'S OUTLINE

UK Conference 2023

9.30AM REGISTRATION

10.00 SESSION 1

- Welcome
- Worship
- Celebrate Recovery General Meeting Nights
 - > Large Group Time with Testimony
 - > Dos and Don'ts of Open Share Groups

11.30 MORNING BREAK

11.45 SESSION 2

- An Introduction to Celebrate Recovery
- Testimony
- Unique Features of Celebrate Recovery
- The Celebrate Recovery Journey
- Celebrate Recovery Resources

13.00 LUNCH BREAK

14.00 SESSION 3

- Getting a Celebrate Recovery Group Started
- Testimony
- What Makes a Good Celebrate Recovery Leader?

15.15 AFTERNOON BREAK

15.30 SESSION 4

- The Celebrate Recovery UK Vision
- Sponsoring Others
- Keeping Your Group Thriving

16.30 CLOSE

*session times are approximate

Celebrate Recovery UK
SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023 - THE REACH CENTRE

Schedule

Our autumn conference aims to provide opportunity for fun, fellowship and finding out!

Each of the four sessions are designed to offer input for all.

In **Session 1**, we'll all enjoy praising Jesus. Our focus on the running of General Meeting Nights will inform enquiring groups as well as allow established Celebrate Recovery groups to assess their own meetings.

In **Session 2**, we will provide a backdrop to the ministry, explore the Celebrate Recovery journey to spur participants on, and highlight useful official Celebrate Recovery resources for the recovery journey and ministry.

In **Session 3** we will offer insight into getting a group started and time for Celebrate Recovery leaders to reflect on how well they're doing.

Session 4's vision input is for all. Sponsors and sponsees alike will benefit from the experience shared on supporting others safely and effectively, and we'll share the advice of Celebrate Recovery UK groups on how to keep your own group thriving.

Please invite friends for fun, fellowship and to find out more!

5 EASY WAYS TO SHARE HOPE

The conference creates new opportunities to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ for changed lives. Please help us draw in as many people to the conference as we can, in order to build up the Celebrate Recovery groups that are currently running, and give churches who haven't got a Celebrate Recovery group the opportunity to find out about this Christ-centred ministry.

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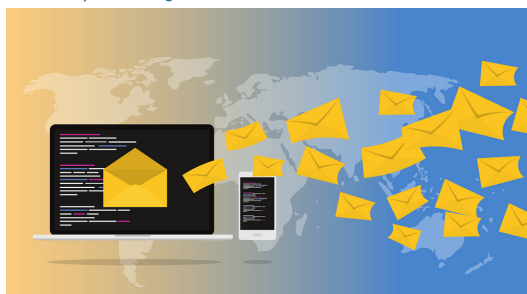
1. Share our promotional video - found on the [Celebrate Recovery YouTube channel](#)! - at your church services, in your church emails, and at Celebrate Recovery meetings.

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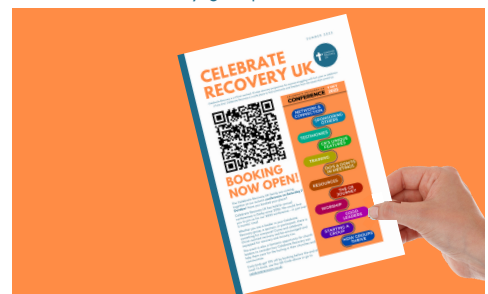
2. Download and print the poster from [celebraterecovery.co.uk](#)
3. Pass on the flyers we're posting to all our Celebrate Recovery groups

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4. Email this link, [celebraterecovery.co.uk/celebrate-recovery-uk-conference/](#) to contacts at UK churches that don't yet run Celebrate Recovery.

5.



5. Print off paper copies of this newsletter and hand them out at church or Celebrate Recovery.

EVENTS COMING UP

MINISTRY LEADERS' MEETING 8 JULY, ONLINE



A free event to support, train and connect Ministry Leaders. We shall be considering ideas for advertising Celebrate Recovery, and sharing how we're getting on with developing a TEAM. Zoom details from enquiries@celebraterecovery.co.uk.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY SUMMIT 19-21 JULY, CALIFORNIA & ONLINE



The 3-day summit celebrates recovery through Jesus, and is jam-packed with encouragement and hope. See crsummits.com for more information.

WHERE TO STAY IN DERBY

If you're coming to the conference and plan to travel to Derby before the Saturday, our UK Director, Tony, who is based in Derby, has suggested a few hotels not too far from the conference venue, The Reach Centre, Riverside Court, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HY. You'll need to go to the hotels' websites to check reviews, prices and availability.



Premier Inn,

Wyvern Business Park, DE21 6BF

Approx. 1.2 miles from The Reach Centre



Travelodge,

Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HG

Approx. 5 min walk. 0.3 miles from The Reach Centre



Pentahotel

Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8PU

Approx. 0.5 miles from The Reach Centre



Holiday Inn Express

Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8SQ

Approx. 0.5 miles from The Reach Centre



The Derby Conference Centre

Derby, DE24 8UX

Approx. 1 mile from The Reach Centre



Derby is very close to the beautiful Peak District. Why not take the opportunity to explore while you're here. Whether it's Airbnb, Bed & Breakfast, a holiday rental or a hotel, you'll find many places to stay.

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