

Governance

The Montgomery Trust Lectures are governed by a Committee of Advisers comprising the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, the Very Revd David Ison; the Dean of Westminster, the Very Revd John Hall and the Dean of King's College London, the Revd Professor Richard Burridge (Chair).

Purposes

The Montgomery Lectureship is:

“for the purpose of promoting lectures in explanation and defence of the Christian Religion and with a view to removing difficulties widely felt in the way of faith in God and to demonstrate the reasonableness of theistic faith.”

Quoted from paragraph 7 from the Will of Sir Alexander Cecil Montgomery -1937

The Will expresses a preference in the Lecturers

“being proficient in some branch of science or scholarship and preferably a layman with a gift for popular exposition.”

Quoted from paragraph 8a from the Will of Sir Alexander Cecil Montgomery -1937

Please would you ensure that your event and chosen lectures align within the purposes of the scheme (as above) and is for the benefit of a broad audience base, for example, this grant should not be used for funding private training or church weekends away.

If you have concerns please contact the Montgomery Trust administrator, Christopher Garman, to discuss. The Committee of Advisers carefully note the information for each lecture and are accountable to the Archbishops' Council for correct delivery of Montgomery Trust Lecturers.

Applying to host a Montgomery Trust Lecture

The Montgomery Trust gives you the opportunity to book a renowned lecturer for your special event at no cost to you. The Trust pays the lecturer's fees and travel costs. With over 30 lecturers and nearly 100 lecture topics available, we are confident you will find the perfect combination for your audience.

Hosting a lecture is very exciting! It engages your community, starts conversations, presents different opinions and provides a space for discussion. Previous hosts have included cathedrals and churches, community and special-interest groups, chaplaincies, universities and schools.

The event you are planning will need to fulfil the purposes of the Montgomery Trust (as above). You will be required to describe the nature of the meeting you are planning, explaining how this fulfils the purposes of the trust on the booking form.

We also ask you to guarantee a minimum of 30 people in your audience. To help achieve this, ask people to book, even though there is no charge – people are far more likely to attend if they've booked! Make sure you tell them how to book (a phone call or email, and to whom?)

This enables you to plan your seating and any refreshments you might like to provide.

Booking a lecture

- **At least 2 months** prior to your event please contact Christopher Garman, administrator of the Montgomery Trust, via telephone, email or via the website to book (see details below);
- The expenses of the lecture room and any advertising are your responsibility (the Montgomery Trust pays the lecturer's fees and travel costs only)

Evaluation

An evaluation form will be sent out to you which you can also download from our website www.montgomerytrust.org.uk. Please complete and return this form at your earliest convenience after your event has taken place, as these forms are collated and reported on annually to our advisers to enable them to monitor the use and effectiveness of the Montgomery funds. We also require your completed form to trigger paying expenses to the lecturer.

Promotion

There are a variety of ways in which you can promote your event, all of which are outlined on our website www.montgomerytrust.org.uk. In addition to this we would be pleased if in introducing the lecture, you gave public credit to the Montgomery Trust for supporting the event. Please draw the Montgomery lecture scheme to others' attention.

Ask interested parties to contact this office for a copy of the printed lecture catalogue or give them our web address where they can find all the details on-line.

Administration

Christopher Garman administers the Montgomery Trust Lectures and can be contacted either by phone on 01359 221600, or by email: admin@montgomerytrust.org.uk

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