

"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand... Give your servant success today by granting him favour in the presence of this man."
Nehemiah 1:10-11

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Scripture shows us a great leader in Nehemiah. But where is Scotland's next generation of Nehemiahs? With your help, we can raise them up.

It saddens me to see that Scotland is becoming a more secular society. The facts are stark. Latest statistics show that the evangelical Church has a connection with just 2% of millennials in the nation. A generation of young people has grown up in Scotland with no connection to the Church or the values of the gospel that are essential for the nation to flourish.

As Christians, our voices and values are being moved from the centre to the margins. How many Christians do we have in our nation that are in positions of influence and authority in the public sphere?

There is a desperate need for more Nehemiahs: Christian leaders who can live out and articulate Christian values in society.

If ever there was a time to invest in a new generation of Scottish Christian leaders in public life, then surely it is now. But we need your help to do this.



Kieran Turner, public policy officer for the Evangelical Alliance in Scotland, at our recent *What Kind of Nation?* manifesto event.

Imagine a generation of young, gifted followers of Jesus who feel called to serve as leaders in business, media, politics, education – disciples who know one another, pray for each other and serve God by making the nation a better place for all those who live here.

What would it take to create such a generation?

We are convinced that God is calling the Evangelical Alliance in Scotland to lead the way in creating, supporting and nurturing this generation of public leaders. But to do this, we need your support.

This is not a quick fix. It is about building relationships and learning from those who have gone before. It requires a long-term strategy to build a generation of Christians of national and spiritual influence, a generation of culture-changers – a generation of Nehemiahs.

With your help, our Scottish Public Leader initiative can inspire, equip and give confidence to millennial Christians to step into leadership in their areas of influence. You could help a generation of young men and women receive the training, mentoring and peer support they need to take the lead in the key areas of politics, media, business and education.

With your support, we want to provide an interactive one-year training and mentoring programme, launching in February 2016, for 20 young adults recommended by Scotland's churches; young disciples of Jesus who have the potential to become people of national significance in the years to come. Over 10 years, that's 200 emerging Christian leaders, trained and provided with a strong peer support network, bringing radical change to our nation.

Will you give a gift to support the Scottish Public Leader programme and many other Evangelical Alliance initiatives in Scotland?

For 23 years, the Alliance in Scotland has been committed to uniting the Church in Scotland to see our nation transformed by the gospel. We long to see the Church regaining its place in Scottish communities and speaking into our nation.

We need your help now to make this work possible. Please support the Alliance in Scotland with a gift of:

- **£50** to introduce one aspiring leader to an established Christian leader, to be supported and equipped through a programme of mentoring.
- **£100** to help resource one aspiring Christian leader with the materials to support their training and mentoring.
- **£180** to help train and equip two aspiring Christian leaders at a training conference or networking event.

We can only do this together. Will you journey with us to see a changed Scotland? Please pray and please give generously to help unite the Church, speak into government and media, and raise up a generation of Christian leaders in our nation.

Thank you so much for your faithful support. I am so encouraged by your gifts and partnership in this work.

With every blessing,



Fred Drummond

Director, Evangelical Alliance Scotland



PS Nehemiah is a wonderful example of a God-led and servant-hearted leader. Please consider giving a gift to support the Evangelical Alliance in Scotland and help us raise up a new generation of Nehemiahs to bring transformation to our nation.