

Evangelical Alliance
appointment of

Senior government relations adviser



evangelical alliance
together making Jesus known



A photograph of a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark button-down shirt, speaking into a black microphone. He is smiling slightly. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a stage or event space with other people in the distance. The image is partially covered by a dark blue geometric overlay on the right side.

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Introduction from the CEO

The Evangelical Alliance is the largest and oldest body serving evangelical Christians in the UK. Since 1846 we've been uniting Christians and making their voices heard in the corridors of power. We've also been equipping churches for mission, inspiring them to drive the spiritual, social and physical transformation of their communities.

In John 17 – the final prayer of Jesus – Christ prays: “I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” We believe that the unity Jesus prayed for is reflected in the church coming together, setting aside denominational differences, and working together for the gospel.

This is an exciting time to join this organisation that I'm so privileged to lead. Our annual report, included in this document, gives you a flavour of the projects, programmes and campaigns that we've been involved in over the past year and just how we are making a difference. But there is so much more to come: we have ambitious dreams.

Thank you for taking the time to consider applying for this key role. We're praying that God brings the right person to us.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gavin Calver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gavin" and last name "Calver" clearly distinguishable.

Gavin Calver
CEO
Evangelical Alliance

About the Evangelical Alliance

The Evangelical Alliance joins together hundreds of organisations, thousands of churches and tens of thousands of individuals for the sake of the gospel. Working across the UK, with offices in London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Belfast, our members come together from across denominations, locations, age groups and ethnicities, all sharing a passion to know Jesus and make Him known. Today our dedication to serving the church, and society at large, is as strong as ever.

Like the evangelicals who have gone before us – those who abolished the slave trade, those who reformed our justice system, those who championed education for all – we are dedicated to blessing those around us as we worship God with all that we have and all that we are.

Today it is evangelicals who are at the heart of debt counselling, street pastors, night shelters and food banks. Today it is active evangelical faith that is making a profound difference throughout our communities for the sake of the gospel. We speak up on behalf of those who are maligned and marginalised, affirming freedoms and proclaiming the good news of Jesus in words and in action.

We love Jesus and we want everyone in the UK to be given an opportunity to know Him. We love His church, and we will do all we can to unite evangelicals, building confidence in the gospel and speaking as a trusted voice into society to see it changed for Him.

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The role of

Senior government relations adviser

Do you have significant experience working with political decision makers and a passion to see the church have a voice in the corridors of power? Now more than ever Christians need to have the confidence to speak into a range of issues within government, politics and the media.

We are looking for a passionate and knowledgeable individual committed to lead on the Evangelical Alliance's engagement and relationships strategy with UK government and parliament, and to develop public policy positions for the Evangelical Alliance on key issues within the framework of our advocacy strategy. Your role will be relational, varied and exciting – from representing the Evangelical Alliance on government bodies and contributing to consultations on issues of religious freedom or belief, to coordinating with other Christian public policy groups on agreed partnerships, campaigns and objectives.

The successful candidate will have:

- Significant experience of lobbying, working or networking with political decision makers
- A good knowledge of political processes and major issues of public debate
- Good research, briefing and strategy skills
- Excellent communication, organisational and relational skills
- The ability to address and communicate political issues from an evangelical Christian perspective

About the role:

Job title: Senior government relations adviser

Responsible to: Head of advocacy

Overall purpose

- To lead the Evangelical Alliance's engagement and relationships with UK government and parliament.
- To develop the trusted voice of the Evangelical Alliance in public policy, representing evangelicals to politicians, government, society and the church.
- To develop and maintain public policy positions for the Evangelical Alliance on key issues and emerging concerns.

Main tasks and responsibilities

- To be the primary point of contact between the Evangelical Alliance and the UK government and parliament.
- To build relationships and network with politicians and civil servants in Westminster.
- To coordinate the public policy and advocacy work across the UK, including working with the public policy officers in Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England to analyse government policy and develop policy responses and proposals.
- To support the public policy and advocacy work across the different parliaments and assemblies of the UK, developing strategy, establishing good communications, and agreeing standards of performance.
- To develop the voice of the Evangelical Alliance to represent evangelicals on issues of freedom of religion or belief in the UK.
- To brief ministers, parliamentarians, civil servants and journalists on Evangelical Alliance positions and contribute to consultations and enquiries.
- To build relationships and network with relevant members/organisations on public policy issues, representing the Evangelical Alliance on government bodies, quasi-governmental advisory/working groups, forums, networks and in consultation processes.
- To proactively liaise and coordinate with other Christian public policy officers and groups in relation to agreed partnerships, campaigns and objectives.
- To contribute regularly to Evangelical Alliance publications and communications.
- To participate in the activities of the advocacy team, contributing to the wider UK team goals in ways commensurate with individual expertise and the wider needs of the Evangelical Alliance across the UK.
- To undertake other duties as directed by the head of advocacy.

There are some activities which apply to all members of staff and these are listed below:

- To further the aims and objectives of the Evangelical Alliance.
- To undertake training/personal development through participation in the Evangelical Alliance's performance review programme.
- To manage one's own learning and contribute to the learning of others.
- To take part in other Evangelical Alliance activities arranged centrally or by other teams where appropriate.
- To participate in and take a turn in leading staff prayers and staff worship.
- To maintain and develop the ethos of the Evangelical Alliance (ref. Ethos Statement and Code of Conduct).
- To regularly pray for the work of the Evangelical Alliance.

This post is subject to an Occupational Requirement that the post holder is a committed evangelical Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.

About you:

Your experience, skills and abilities

The role of senior government relations adviser requires a committed Christian who can demonstrate the following:

E = Essential / **D** = Desirable

Your education/training:

- Educated to degree level or equivalent in a relevant subject such as politics, theology or law – **E**

Your experience

- Significant experience of lobbying, working or networking with political decision makers or policy advisers – **E**
- Established relationships and credibility among politicians, civil servants and decision-makers – **E**
- Research experience including the analysis of complex written materials such as parliamentary reports and government consultations – **E**
- Experience of policy planning, development and implementation – **E**
- Experience overseeing and managing staff – **D**
- Knowledge and experience of public campaigning – **D**

Your skills/abilities

- Good knowledge of the political structures and processes in Westminster and how they interact with those in the devolved parliaments and assemblies – **E**
- Capacity for analysing political ideas and debates, and interpreting them from a biblical perspective – **E**
- Ability to communicate evangelical values and principles – **E**
- Excellent communication, relational and networking skills, including negotiation and persuasive skills – **E**
- Ability to write clearly and concisely – **E**
- Ability to use initiative, work unsupervised and take responsibility for tasks – **E**
- Proven strong strategy, research and organisational skills – **E**
- Strong attention to detail and ability to keep accurate records – **E**
- Ability to work in a dynamic team environment – **E**
- Ability to deliver multiple tasks to agreed deadlines – **E**
- Knowledge and understanding of UK church – **E**

Your personal qualities

- A personal commitment to Jesus, the authority of scripture and the value of the church in public life – **E**
- Able to relate well to people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures – **E**
- A willingness to anticipate and avoid political actions, statements or relationships that might compromise the Evangelical Alliance or bring the organisation into disrepute – **E**
- Ability and willingness to travel across the UK for meetings and events – **E**

You will be actively engaged in an evangelical church. You will be comfortable sharing about Jesus and your relationship with Him and applying your faith to your areas of expertise.

Having read the Evangelical Alliance's Basis of Faith you'll be able to confidently say that you're an evangelical.

You'll also be fully in agreement with the Evangelical Alliance's Ethos Statement and Code of Conduct.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

What a year it has been. Thank you for journeying with us as we said goodbye to Steve Clifford as he stepped down after 10 faithful years leading the Evangelical Alliance and I stepped into my role as CEO.

In the last year we have galvanised prayer during Brexit and through our general election. We have brought together agencies and organisations on issues around mental health, gun and knife crime, education, drug and gambling reforms, and many others. We have shared the stories of individuals, churches and towns as the transforming power of Jesus has changed lives. We have produced resources, articles, videos and podcasts to help Christians navigate the coronavirus pandemic. In the last year the team has hosted or participated in more than 400 events across the UK and beyond.

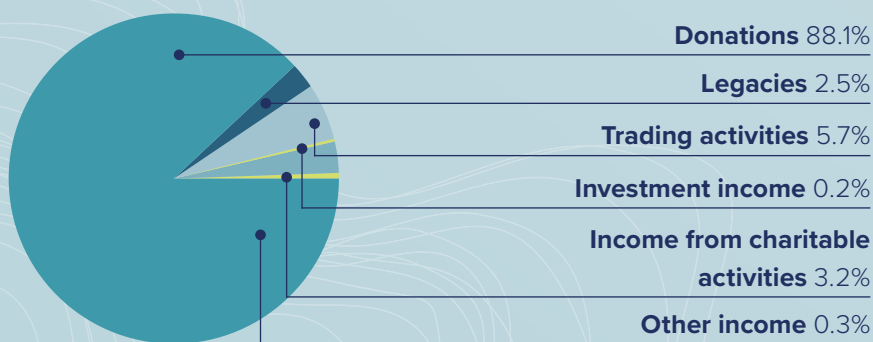
The Evangelical Alliance has worked tirelessly this year with parliamentarians and policy makers to influence legislation and affect policy. Much of our work takes place behind closed doors to represent the concerns and convictions of evangelicals and ensure that the freedom to practise, live out and share our faith is maintained in our society.

This coming year may look very different. Our church buildings have been closed, our movements have been restricted, and as we look ahead, we don't yet know how long this pandemic will last or what comes next. But of some things I am certain: the church is alive, the gospel is changing lives, and we are the hope of the world.

Gavin Calver, CEO

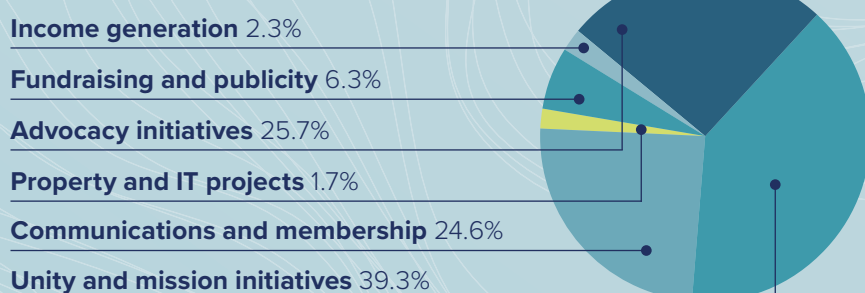
INCOME £2,640,451

up from £2,508,079 last year



EXPENDITURE £2,615,919

up from £2,568,479 last year



MEMBERSHIP

We have built upon the significant membership growth we saw in the last financial year and have increased the number of new members by 50%.

2,384

NEW MEMBERS
INCLUDING:

2,212
INDIVIDUALS

127
CHURCHES

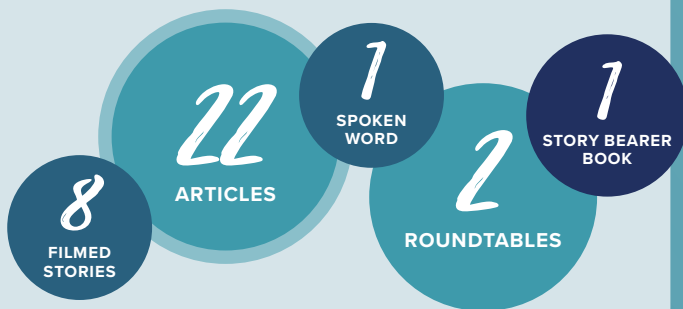
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ORGANISATIONS

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The gospel is central to everything we do. We never cease proclaiming the gospel, through unity, words and actions; so that people are led to a life with Jesus. This year we have collaborated and celebrated as we have seen lives transformed by Jesus

The Great Commission

We believe that sharing stories about the goodness of God builds confidence and equips people to share Jesus. Through the work of the Great Commission we have sought to inspire and enable the church to share the hope we have in Jesus.



HIGHLIGHTS:

The Comeback

A spoken word film which creatively shares the Easter story. Released in March 2020. A message of hope amid the coronavirus outbreak in the UK.

“Poetical, stunning, visually brilliant!”

Matt Summerfield



6,500+
VIEWS

348
DOWNLOADS

743
SHARES

RAISING OUR VOICES

We are speaking up into government and the media on issues that matter. We provide a hope-filled, trustworthy and confident voice. We are here to champion the church.

5
YEAR-LONG
RESEARCH
ASSISTANT
PLACEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Young Adults

We are committed to raising up voices within the evangelical community to be salt and light wherever they are positioned. Through Public Leadership, Mission to Young Adult conversations and our OPC young leaders forum, we have made great strides in seeing the church thriving amongst all generations and significant numbers of young adults in their 20s and 30s coming to faith in Jesus.

21
MISSION TO
YOUNG ADULT
WORKSHOPS

100
PEOPLE ON OUR
PUBLIC LEADER
COURSES IN ENGLAND,
SCOTLAND AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

Being Human

We launched this six-part podcast series in February 2020. Hosted by directors Jo Frost and Peter Lynas, the podcast looks at the themes behind the news, taking the long view and trying to understand what is driving some of the big stories, all the while exploring what it means to be human.

“Brilliant cultural critique from a Christian perspective. An absolute must for Christians trying to navigate life in the 21st century.”

– iTunes review

HIT THE TOP 5
IN RELIGION AND
SPIRITUALITY
ON ITUNES

SEASON ONE:
5,700
DOWNLOADS

Both Lives Matter

In July 2019 Westminster chose to intervene and impose a new abortion framework on Northern Ireland. Through the Both Lives Matter campaign, we played a major role in mobilising tens of thousands of people from right across our province, to speak out against that new abortion law.

Silent gathering at Stormont attended by more than 20,000 people.

100,000 POSTCARDS were sent by supporters to their political representatives at Stormont and Westminster.

More than 1,000 media mentions
across print and broadcast in four months.

30% GROWTH in Both Lives Matter social media following.

SERVING OUR MEMBERS

We are committed to reaching out, listening, and engaging with our members. We are finding out how to pray for our members, what your needs are and what God is doing. We are spotlighting the great things happening, the challenges being faced and the hope being realised by our members for our communities.

In December 2019 we published **The [Im]possible Dream**, by Rev Yemi Adedeji and Steve Clifford. This workbook is based on the experiences and lessons learnt over the years of building the One People Commission and encouraging rich cultural expression within UK churches. The book includes many case studies and experiences of churches and leaders, inspiring readers to increase their outreach and be more fully representative of the ethnic and cultural diversity of the communities in which they serve.

In May 2019 we held our second **Above and Beyond** conference to help churches and Christian charities run their organisations for the glory of God. With expert input from lawyers and finance specialists, and input from politicians and Christian leaders, the 200+ attendees were equipped to navigate the terrain with diligence and expertise and thrive in fulfilling their mission.

HIGHLIGHTS:

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27%

INCREASE IN USERS
FROM LAST YEAR

ALMOST

240,000

VISITORS

552,254

UNIQUE PAGE
VIEWS

MOST POPULAR
ARTICLE:
CORONAVIRUS:
A CHRIST-
CENTRED RESPONSE

14,000
VIEWS

MOST POPULAR
DOWNLOAD:
TRANSFORMED

2,524

120,000
NEWS AND VIEWS
VIEWS

30,479
FIND A CHURCH
SEARCHES

May the God of hope
fill you with
ALL JOY AND PEACE
as you trust in him,
so that you may
OVERFLOW
WITH HOPE
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



Terms & conditions and How to apply



Location:	King's Cross, London, N1 (staff are currently working remotely from home in line with lockdown restrictions)
Salary:	£33,000-£37,000pa (depending on experience and skills)
Type:	Permanent
Hours:	35 hours per week
Closing date:	22 February 2021
Interviews:	Likely to be week commencing 1 March 2021

To apply, download the application form and email us at hr@eauk.org with your completed application.

For an informal conversation about this role, please email hr@eauk.org and we will arrange for someone to speak to you.

All applicants must be committed to the basis of faith, vision and ethos of the Evangelical Alliance.

Please read our [privacy notice](#) for details of our use of your information.

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