



**Phil Manchester**

### Phil Manchester – SCUK Chair of Trustees

Although a onetime tournament chaplain to the Fijian Police Rugby League team, Phil's first love is Rugby Union which he has played, watched and blogged about. An avid supporter of grass roots sport, he has been involved in schools and youth sport as an athletics coach. He was involved in setting up the athletics arm of a regional, youth sport and community charity and in training coaches. Phil currently encourages the players and families involved in his local rugby club. He is also a trustee of a large faith-based charity.



**Jay Lusted**

### Jay Lusted – SCUK Trustee and Ambassador

James Lusted is an actor who became a local councillor in May 2017. He has worked as both an actor and a TV presenter for 10 years. His theatre work includes "Follow Me" for Theatr Brycheiniog and "The Funfair" at HOME Theatre in Manchester. In television, James recently appeared as a nurse on the BBC's 4 O'clock Club and in various documentaries including, "Myself", "Born Small" and "Big Love". He can currently be seen as a guest presenter on BBC1's Songs of Praise. James lives in North Wales with his wife Chloe and baby daughter Olivia and is a committed Christian and is part of the Festival Church Chester Team. He is delighted to be a Sports Chaplaincy UK Trustee and Ambassador.



**Dotha Blackwood**

### Dotha Blackwood – Crystal Palace FC Women's team Chaplain

Born and educated in Jamaica, Dotha was converted in 1977. She worked with the Jamaica Citizens Bank Ltd and International Accelerated Missions Bible School (IAM) in Kingston, Jamaica as Director, while freelancing as a drummer. Dotha is presently a Tutor in Practical Theology at Spurgeon's College, achieving a MA in Christian Doctrine after successfully completing her BD there. She is also a product of the Jamaica School of Music, where she studied, played and taught drums and other percussion instruments. She continues to exercise her gifts of worship leading, preaching, and teaching at various conferences, retreats, churches and Christian gatherings all over the world. Dotha moved in 2011 from the south coast where she was a Lecturer in Theology and Biblical Studies, and Director of Practical Training at Moorland's College for 12 years.



**Carolyn Skinner**

### Carolyn Skinner - CEO of Third Space Ministries

Carolyn Skinner is CEO of Third Space Ministries, a charity focussed on demonstrating God's love in the 'third spaces' of society. She is a Pastoral Support Lead for Gym Chaplaincy at Sports Chaplaincy UK, a local gym chaplain, and has also been an Events Chaplain since 2007. Carolyn has served at Royal Ascot, Winter Paralympics, Women's Rugby World Cup, Olympics and Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, and many more. She also runs 'Love All, Serve All', an annual outreach with the Wimbledon tennis queues. When not working she can be found running in Richmond Park, drinking coffee with friends, wearing flip flops, and searching for sunshine!

## Conference Team faces you will find helpful to know:



**Carolyn Skinner**  
Pastoral Support Lead for Gyms & Fitlives



**Matt Baker**  
National Director for England & Pastoral Support Director in English Football



**Phil Mason**  
Conference Coordinator Lead



# SPEAKER BIO'S

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# Welcome



**Warren Evans**  
SCUK CEO

May I give you all a warm welcome to our 2021 Virtual Conference and this year's theme "Fit to Serve – A Holistic Approach". We have all continued to be impacted, humbled and challenged by what has taken place across the globe and in each of our sporting communities throughout this last 18 months. We have been inspired by acts of kindness and challenged or even fatigued by the journey we have all been on. Some of us have seen great loss both personally and in our communities but we

still recognise that we serve a great God, who still rules and reigns. We are amazed to see what our Lord and Saviour has done in and through sports chaplaincy in this season and we look forward with hope to see what might happen. We honour all those who have gone before us and reach out our hands to those who will join us on this exciting journey. We pray that you have a wonderful conference being inspired, stretched, challenged and better equipped to face the future.

## SESSIONS

1. "Learnings from the pandemic" – Dave Courteen & Phil Manchester
2. Team Refuel (A) "Count it All Joy" (B) Strategy moving forward
3. Interview with Jamie Nieto
4. Interview with Sharon Brittan

## WORKSHOPS

1. "Counting it All Joy" – Prof John Swinton
2. "Nurturing Hope" – Cleide Burgess
3. "Mental Resilience Success Strategies" – John Dabrowski



**Prof John Swinton**  
BD, PhD

### Prof John Swinton, BD, PhD

John is Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. For more than a decade John worked as a registered mental health nurse. He also worked for a number of years as a hospital and community mental health chaplain alongside people with severe mental health challenges who were moving from the hospital into the community. In 2004, he founded the University of Aberdeen's Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability. He has published widely within the area of mental health, dementia, disability theology, spirituality and healthcare, qualitative research and pastoral care. John is the author of a number of monographs including his new book: Finding Jesus in the Storm: The spiritual lives of people with mental health challenges. (Eerdmans 2020) His book Dementia: Living in the memories of God won the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ramsey Prize for excellence in theological writing.



**Cleide Burgess,**  
BSc MSc

### Cleide Burgess, BSc MSc, Positive Psychology Coach

Drawing from many years of experience as a Relationship Counsellor and as an Executive Coach, Cleide combines a range of evidence-based tools and techniques from a number of different orientations to help individuals to lead effectively. She conducts a series of workshops in the areas of self-awareness, confidence and belief, finding meaning and fulfilment. [www.cleideburgess.co.uk](http://www.cleideburgess.co.uk)



**David Courteen**

### David Courteen – SCUK Trustee

Having set up his gym business straight out of college with just three staff, it has been a challenging and amazing journey over the last 30 years. In that time Dave has pretty much been involved with every role, from working on the gym floor through to producing the accounts. Now Dave's focus is on the overall business strategy, new business development and working with clients. What he loves most about his Mosaic business is watching the staff grow and develop from the training and mentoring provided, and hearing first-hand how they have exceeded the members and spa guests' expectations. The art of great customer service has always fascinated Dave. Dave is also Chair of Sporting 87 a faith-based football charity.



**John Dabrowski**

### John Dabrowski is an international speaker, published author & Mental Resilience Expert

John played basketball for England in the Commonwealth Games and is the current British Record holder for the most points scored in a single match which is 98 points. He has worked in the Advertising and Marketing industry for over 40 years and now runs his own successful business.

The mind is the most powerful entity in the world, and it can control how we respond to situations we experience. This Masterclass demonstrates how we can change the way we process negative situations. Two people experiencing the same negative situation can respond in totally different ways. The one with the positive mindset will thrive while the one with a negative mindset will potentially dive into a spiral of despair.



**Sharon Brittan**

### Sharon Brittan, Chair of Bolton Wanderers FC

The plight of Bolton Wanderers has been well advertised in recent years as the club has faced some of the most turbulent and troublesome times in its 140-year history.

Sharon Brittan was one of several businesspeople involved in the Football Ventures consortium who purchased BWFC in 2019.

Sharon has a long and successful career to date which has seen her take on directorial roles in 38 businesses over the past 25 years with six active director roles, including one in the Football Ventures consortium.



**Jamie Nieto**

### Jamie Nieto, 2 time Olympian

Born in Seattle, Washington Jamie was raised as an only child in a single parent home in Sacramento, California. He's a 2x Olympian, actor, writer and producer. As a High Jumper, Nieto's career has taken him to over 40 different countries around the world including 2 Olympic finals and he has been ranked top 10 in the World on numerous occasions. In 2007 Nieto decided to pursue his childhood love for movies, acting, producing, and writing while still competing. 2009 marked the year of Nieto's first feature film "The Encounter" ranked in the top ten faith based films of all time. He has also been in numerous other films and TV shows. In April 2016 Nieto suffered serious injury resulting in paralysis while doing a back flip. He was told that he would never walk again, but he defied his doctor's predictions to walk his wife-to-be 150 steps down the aisle at their emotional wedding ceremony. Nieto's passion and drive for success is uncanny. He has developed several original pilots and currently writes for one of the number one rated shows on Bounce TV called "Family Time" and another called "In The Cut." He continues his road to recovery and living his dream of acting, writing, and producing.