

# Insight Days

for

# Leaders and Students

Events that explore questions  
about faith and Christianity.

# Welcome



"OCCA The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics welcomes everyone who has questions about life and faith. We believe that people of all backgrounds and ages wonder about life's meaning, purpose, spirituality, and belief in God. Our goal is to provide thoughtful, trustworthy answers to these important questions. We aim to explain things clearly while also seeing and speaking to the person whose feelings and experiences are often behind these questions."

## **Tom Price**

Speaker & Tutor at the OCCA

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# What is an OCCA Insight Day?

Leaders and students love visiting our location, right in the heart of Oxford, to learn about apologetics and be inspired. We have put together a half and full-day programme that allows you to choose the sessions that will work for you. We'd suggest two teaching sessions for a half-day and three or four teaching sessions for a whole-day visit.

## What do they offer?

- **Tailored** training day for your school or organisation
- Lectures and training from **credible** speakers
- **Meaningful** and **accessible** content
- Dialogue about faith questions
- Opportunities to **grow** to help better serve your community



# **What does an Insight Day typically look like?**

While we have a suggested format and brand for these days, we are keen to tailor the day to meet the needs of your group. Ultimately, the day consists of a number of lecture sessions, Q&A, tasty lunch, and the opportunity for some good conversation.

## **Available Sessions**

### **‘What is going on in Apologetics?’**

This session updates previous training and shares some of the latest trends and questions that the OCCA team encounters daily. Do apologetics-type questions still engage audiences? What role do testimony and preaching play in apologetics? What are the most recent signs of hope in contemporary culture? What are the latest worldviews and influential thinkers we need to be aware of?

**~1.5 hours**

### **‘The Role of Apologetics in the Mission and Preaching of the Local Church?’**

Learn how apologetics with an emphasis on listening turns every believer into a confident witness and embeds seamlessly into preaching, small groups, and daily life. This seminar describes how apologetics can take us beyond scripted monologues with honest dialogue, sparking authentic gospel conversations at work, school, and in the neighbourhood. We’ll link mind, heart, and mission - pairing clear reasons for faith with relational discipleship - while brainstorming fresh, actionable outreach ideas and models together so evidence and invitation reinforce each other for intellectually sharp and spiritually compelling outreach.

**~1.5 hours**

# OCCA's C.S. Lewis Tour of Oxford

Trace C.S. Lewis's life and friendships through Oxford on a walking tour with a member of the OCCA team that begins with pints and manuscript readings at the Eagle & Child - home base for the Inklings - then follows their footsteps past the Marty's Memorial to Broad Street, where Ridley and Latimer were burned. We will point out the Bodleian Library and the location of 'The Weight of Glory' addresses at the University Church, the Radcliffe Camera, the Sheldonian Theatre, and even Antony Gormley's rooftop Iron Man. This fantastic tour reveals how Oxford's spires, pubs, chapels, and deer-park paths shaped Lewis's conversion, scholarship, and enduring literary circle.

Extra: we can also visit Magdalen College within the tour, taking in the grounds, the college chapel, dining room, and rooms where Lewis surrendered to God and strolled Addison's Walk with Tolkien and Dyson. There is an additional entry fee of £9.50 per person and it adds another hour to the tour.

~1.5 hours

## Other Session Topics

Other session topics may be possible based on speakers' availability.

**Classical apologetics** topics exploring the arguments and reasons for a biblical worldview and scriptural accuracy:

1. How does a loving God allow suffering?
2. Historical Jesus & the bible
3. Is science compatible with faith?
4. Religious pluralism & eastern religions
5. Extra-biblical sources for Jesus

**Cultural, ethical, and existential** questions exploring identity and meaning:

1. Is faith good for the world?
2. What is my purpose?
3. Gender, sexuality, and identity
4. Dealing with doubt
5. Culture & film

# Purpose

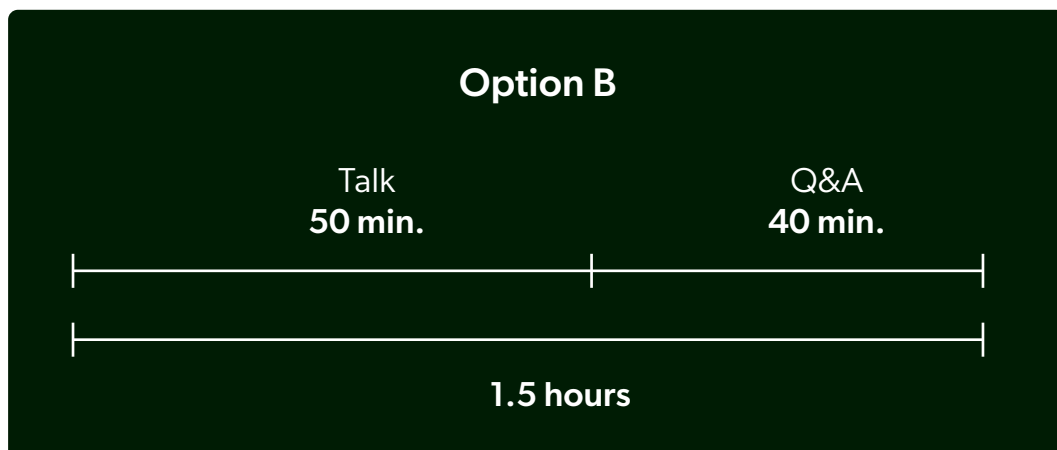
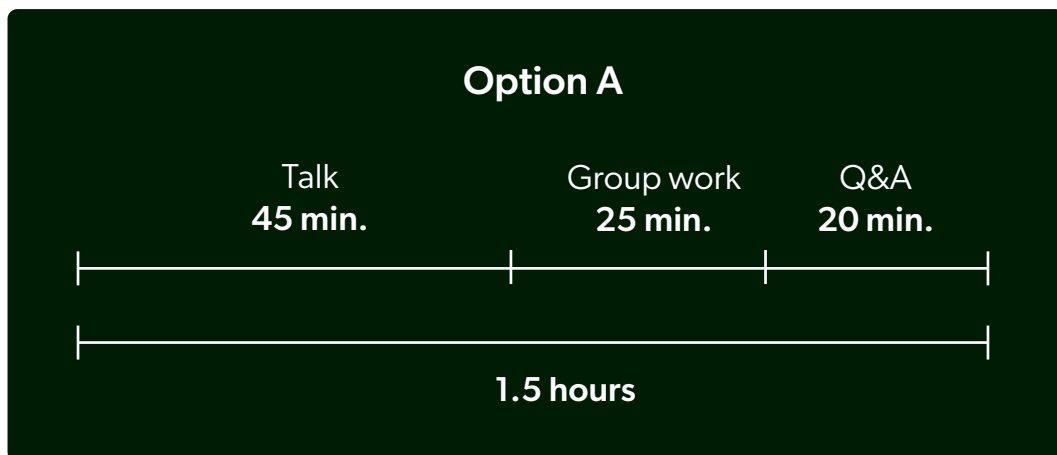
Our **key motivation** and **purpose** for the overarching day is to:

1. Encourage critical thinking in your group
2. Offer credible apologetics and reasons for belief
3. Teach your congregation and church leaders how to share their faith
4. Welcome people of all backgrounds to explore Christianity

## Format and Structure

Each session can be comprised of lecture time, group work, and Q&A – or all three. Typically, it's worked well to allocate approximately **1.5 hours for each session**.

*For example:*







## How do you organise an OCCA Insight Day?

OCCA's central headquarters is located at #27 Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2NR.

We moved into our new offices in late 2024 and have been blessed to host and serve many groups since. We would love for you to come and join us for a day!

Aside from perhaps thinking through the factors laid out above, the first step is to contact us - we would love to connect. Simply email: **[invites@theoCCA.org](mailto:invites@theoCCA.org)**. Once you're in touch, we'd be happy to set up a call to work out all the details.

If you have any other questions before you're ready to book, don't hesitate to reach out.

## Costs

OCCA does try to already subsidise some of the fees of the day through the generosity of its supporters. Please find the remaining cost for an organisation below:

1. Half-day: £300
2. Full-day: £500

There are many places to buy lunch locally, or we can provide lunch (sandwiches, crisps, drinks, and fruit) at a further cost of approximately £125 for 25 people. We include hot and cold refreshments and can accommodate groups of up to 25

# Example Schedule

## ‘Full-Day Programme’

09:00	Coffee and Welcome
09:30	<b>Session 1</b> <i>What is going on in Apologetics?</i> Tom Price
11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:30	<b>Session 2</b> <i>Responding to the Problem of Suffering</i> Sara Stevenson
13:00	<b>Lunch</b> *not included
13:45	<b>Session 3</b> <i>The OCCA C.S. Lewis Tour of Oxford</i> David Lloyd
15:15	<b>Break</b>
15:30	<b>Session 4</b> <i>The Role of Apologetics in the Mission and Preaching of the Local Church?</i> Tom Price
17:00	Concluding Remarks & Departure





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