

# **Recommendations for the European Leadership Forum**

## Lindsay Brown



Former International Director of Lausanne (Wales)

"The Forum is the best initiative I've seen in Europe in the last 25 years, and it's also unique on a global scale. The Forum is important for at least four reasons:

1. It provides an oasis for hard-pressed Christian workers.

- 2. It provides a means of equipping and training people for ministry.
- 3. It provides <u>resources</u>: quality books, outstanding speakers, online materials.
- 4. It's a <u>spawning ground</u> for ministries across the continent.

For these reasons, the Forum provides an invaluable contribution to the advance of the Gospel and the equipping of God's church across Europe. That's why I wholeheartedly support it."

## John Piper



Founder, Desiring God Ministries (United States)

"The European Leadership Forum is a catalyst for the advancement and deepening of Evangelical Gospel ministries throughout Europe. My participation in one of their gatherings was an education and encouragement for me, as I interacted with pastors and educators and business people from countries I have never been to. This is a network-

spawning ministry that creates lines of friendship and communication whose fruitfulness in strategic biblical initiatives is significant and growing. **I thank God for ELF.**"

## Nick Nedelchev



Former President, European Evangelical Alliance (Bulgaria)

"The European Leadership Forum has been a wonderful success. The European Evangelical Alliance supports the European Leadership Forum and stands behind it. The Forum is creating a bridge for Europe's evangelical leaders to gain access to God's global resources."



## Wayne Grudem



Research Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies, Phoenix Seminary (United States). Author of the best-selling book Systematic Theology, which is available in 10 languages.

Watch Wayne's interview about the European Leadership Forum <u>here</u>.

#### "The European Leadership Forum is one of the most strategic

**ministries throughout the world.** My wife and I have given our time and money to the Forum because this allows us to leverage our giving in a way that has a very significant impact for the kingdom. Without ever getting paid, I and over 100 speakers have given our time and effort to this strategic work for the advancement of God's kingdom. I totally believe in the Forum."

# Diane Langberg, Ph.D.



#### Psychologist (United States)

"It has been a privilege for me to serve with the European Leadership Forum (ELF). It is a beautiful picture of the diversity of God's people and their faithfulness to Him. As a speaker, you go to teach and to bless. **ELF is one of those places where you also return taught and blessed as well. Their work encourages and enriches the people of** 

**God across the nations.** In the time of turmoil among the nations, I pray it will grow and continue in faithfulness to the God we serve."

## Las G. Newman



*Global Associate Director for Regions, The Lausanne Movement for Global Evangelism (Jamaica)* 

"I cannot imagine a more strategic initiative that catalyzes a comprehensive vision for the evangelization of Europe than the annual European Leadership Forum (ELF). The ELF is a unique movement that brings together leaders from every region of Europe into

an amazing Forum experience with one aim in mind: to see the flame of the Gospel reignited and spread across an amazing continent. My heart was filled with praise and joy witnessing this experience. Long may it continue."



## Jiri Unger



Former President, European Evangelical Alliance (Czech Republic)

"The European Leadership Forum is for many of our leaders a window to a completely new world of: 'I can.' 'It's possible.' 'I don't have to reinvent the wheel.' 'The answers exist!' 'I am not alone with my dreams.' 'I can meet HIM? Wow!' Strategically speaking, the Forum both attracts and trains many of our key leaders in areas of

apologetics, theology, Christian counselling, evangelism, etc."

#### Jeremy Taylor



#### President, Tyndale House Foundation (United States)

"As the leader of one of ELF's financial partners, I can (and often do) say that I don't believe there is any more effective way for Tyndale House Foundation to invest in ministry in Europe than through partnering with the European Leadership Forum. Thanks to the breadth of the ELF network, every grant we make indirectly touches hundreds of

European ministry organizations. As a past and present ELF participant, I am happy to say there is no place I'd rather be in mid-May than worshiping and being trained and encouraged alongside hundreds of high-capacity European leaders. And as a leader who shares ELF's commitment to engaging and equipping other leaders, I can say with confidence and experience that ELF is as effective a training ground for Christian leaders as there is in the world. I am proud to be associated with ELF, and I'm pleased that Tyndale has been able to participate financially with this critical ministry."

## **Dave Patty**



#### President, Josiah Venture (Czech Republic)

"As the leader of a growing multinational mission organization, I regularly feel the need to increase my own personal leadership capacity. However, living in Europe, the opportunities to learn from other peers or access top-quality resources are limited. **ELF has been very catalytic** for me and has given me access to resources and relationships I

would never otherwise have. I am extremely grateful and commend the ELF team to you as a highly leveraged and effective investment of God's kingdom resources."

#### Peter J. Williams





#### Principal, Tyndale House, Cambridge (England)

"The Forum has had a huge effect on me. I'm in my current job because of the Forum, and it has helped shape the way I think about strategy. The European Leadership Forum is an incredible event, and I wouldn't want to miss it for anything, and I would encourage others to try and come. I think the Forum is one of the most significant things

going on in Europe as it seeks to equip and unite Gospel leaders in whatever they're doing. We're all short of time; we're all short of resources. And it is madness for us not to share our best practices, to get to know each other. The Forum really encourages that better than anything else I know."

#### **Philip Miller**



#### Senior Pastor, The Moody Church (United States)

"We love partnering with the European Leadership Forum because of its strategic influence at the epicenter of a continent-wide gospel movement."

#### John Lennox



#### Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, Oxford University (England)

"I have attended most of the European Leadership Forum (ELF) in the past few years as a speaker at plenary meetings and seminars in the networks. It has been an immense privilege to do so since I think that there is no question that the *ELF has got something going in Europe that is strategic for the spread of the Gospel in the days to come*.

We now live in an age where there is, on the one hand, an aggressive, no-holds-barred, attack on the Christian faith from the New Atheists that requires a vigorous response and, on the other hand, increasing pressure from Islamic proselytising. In each case the Christian faith is being subject to misrepresentation and misunderstanding and so there is a need like never before for training in the defence of the Gospel. The ELF conference itself is intense and wastes no time; it offers a wide variety of biblically-based input and a unique opportunity for networking and thus disseminating knowledge and experience. It has been very encouraging to see the momentum associated with the ELF increase, and I can only recommend it to you without reserve or hesitation as a vehicle for equipping the next generation of Christian evangelists with the armour and encouragement that they need."