



39TH ANNUAL LECTURE

MONDAY 13 MAY 2024

NO LIFE WITHOUT WATER

**Saving lives with water
in a humanitarian crisis**

Gareth Owen OBE

Humanitarian Director, Save the Children UK

Gareth Owen OBE has worked in the Aid Sector for 30 years and for Save the Children since 2002. He trained initially as a civil engineer, which to this day helps him in his humanitarian work.

Gareth has been directly involved in the immediate response to many global emergencies, in Asia (2004 Tsunami), Iraq, Haiti, and many other places. He has extensive operational experience of how aid agencies need to respond in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. He believes that the fundamental 'on-the-ground' requirement, on every occasion, is a clean water supply and effective sanitation.

As a Director of STC Gareth also focuses on strategy — requirements like global fundraising, budgetary allocation, relationships with the UN and other NGOs, and cooperation between governments.

This ensures that STC and other agencies can be operationally effective when the next emergency strikes.

Lives are saved with water in a humanitarian crisis. Gareth will tell us how this happens in practice. He will address questions like:

- How are expert staff sourced, and then fashioned into an effective team?
- What are a field team's immediate priorities?
- How are people kept safe?
- How are key supplies sourced and protected?
- How is decision making kept rational in such emotionally charged situations?

Gareth will address these questions and more, with narratives from his own experience. He will be joined by an 'in-field' colleague to reveal the reality of disaster relief in real time.

This Plumbers' Annual Lecture is not to be missed. You will find out what really goes on behind the scenes — the things you will not learn from a television report — at one of the world's most effective humanitarian relief organisations. You will also hear a positive message — there are stories of hope even in the most challenging circumstances, and we can all make a difference.



Venue

Carpenters Hall
1 Throgmorton Avenue
London EC2N 2JJ

Programme

The event will start at 5:15 pm followed by the lecture at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by the drinks reception at 7:15 pm. The evening will end at approximately 8:45 pm.

Who should attend?

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- Corporate Members and guests
- Apprentices, trainees and students (special concessions apply)

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