

Learning disabilities cluster workshop - Doing

This cluster is for those who are instigating change in their churches, putting on events, carrying out projects, meeting new needs or providing new expressions of church.

The Next Steps workshop is a chance for people to really move on in their journey. It is a time for folks to meet others who are at a similar stage for their church or community.

Outcomes

- Create helpful connections all across the country – facilitate the emergence of networks where people can encourage and help each other directly
- Share what has worked well and lessons learnt
- Get ideas and strategies from each other
- Create new ideas together
- Get concrete ideas for next steps of action

The purpose of this Cluster is to ‘think out loud’ about your situation. There are no wrong thoughts or bad questions. It is a time to throw ideas out there. This is a confidential space. Please ensure that anything shared here is not repeated. This allows people to talk openly about their particular church.

By being really honest with each other we can start to work through obstacles with the insight of the objective stranger. Why not make some notes to take home with you.

What have you done in your church/community of faith?

How has it impacted on the life of the church community and those you are seeking to serve?

Talk through its strengths and weaknesses
How many attend regularly?
How do you plan on improving ?
Does your project have a natural end or will it continue?
How do you ensure sustainability? What threats are there to continuation i.e. only elderly volunteers?
How will you avoid burnout?
What top tips would you give others?

What resources would you recommend to others?

How are you advertising your project?

How can we share our learning? Is there any way to create helpful shortcuts for each other?

What could you do next?