

## Learning disabilities cluster workshop - Gathering

This cluster is for people who have started on this journey but have not yet instigated large changes or created new services or groups.

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 organisations have been helpful
Have you found any interesting or instructive information

Have you gathered any interested people? How did you do that? How did you find them? How did you reach out to them?

Have you found using particular vocabulary helpful or hurtful?

What has surprised you in your activity so far?

What ideas have you come up with?

Are you finding it easy to get your ideas off the ground?

What perspectives have been helpful?

What are the obstacles you have found? How have you got over them?

Who has been your most supportive ally?

Do you feel you need specific training and / or support?

How are you communicating? Both in and outside of your team to the wide range of audiences you need to talk to. What procedures do you have in place for all the different types of communication?