



Diocesan Disability Advisers

Diocese of Liverpool

Eleanor Dalton

I am a Catechist for children and young adults in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. I provide sacramental preparation, lead reflection days and retreats as well as running two *Faith & Light* groups in the Diocese.

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Archdiocese of Southwark

Cristina Gangemi MA

I am the disability adviser in the Archdiocese of Southwark. I head a project that seeks to ensure that disabled people have a place of belonging within each and every parish community and within the life and mission of the church.

We are proactive in welcoming and activating the gifts and abilities of people with disabilities. We provide spiritual support, guidance and formation on all issues of sacramental preparation, access and the meeting of pastoral needs, including bereavement care as mentioned in the Day for Life 2010 video.

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Archdiocese of Birmingham

Elizabeth O'Brien

My role is centred on working towards an equality of provision in RE, Catechesis and preparation and celebration of the sacraments for children and young people with disabilities. This involves direct support for children in special schools/residential settings, guidance and training for teachers, parents and catechists, creating accessible approaches and resources to enable the work and developing and articulating a contemporary theology of disability through writing for and speaking to different groups.

I am currently representing the special needs advisors through the Catholic Learning Disability Network on the NBRIA executive (National Board of RE Inspectors and Advisors) and on the National Project steering committee and in collaboration with other special needs advisors I am committed to various projects through this to try and bring about an equality of provision at a National level within our Catholic community.

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Diocese of Arundel and Brighton/Cabrini Children's Society

John McManus

The purpose of this project is to raise awareness and support inclusive participation in the life and mission of the Church and to provide catechetical support in formation and sacramental programmes.

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Diocese of Westminster

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre supports individuals and families with learning disabilities in London and Hertfordshire, and is part of the Diocese of Westminster. It runs an Activities Centre in Hendon offering more than 20 courses for nearly 150 people of all faiths or none, aiming to help them to achieve their full potential. It also offers social and spiritual support in the parishes of the Diocese, offering advocacy, advice, training and formation, and friendship.

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Disability awareness in schools

John McCorkell

My name is John McCorkell and I offer Disability Awareness advice to schools, where I share my own experience of growing-up with a physical disability. The visit achieves a change of perception in the way that people with disabilities are seen, through activities for children of all ages and question and answer sessions.

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