

A Quick Reference Guide to both projects

Year	Renewal Process:	Listening 2004: Come and See Celebrating Family
2006	Scripture and Prayer	Everybody's Welcome
2007	Repentance and Reconciliation	Home is a Holy Place
2008	Being the Local Church	Passing on the Faith
2009	Catechesis and commitment	
2010	Mission and Evangelisation	



www.listening2004.org.uk
www.catholicchurch.org.uk

How can we learn to make 'everybody welcome'?

From Easter 2006 we will run sessions in the diocese on using the 'welcome' resources

You can also book a session just for your parish, school or church group !

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Everybody's Welcome: Come and See!

Guidance on using these two projects together



www.comeandsee.org.uk

Everybody's Welcome: Come and See!

This year two exciting projects begin in Leeds diocese:

- The Five Year Diocesan Renewal Plan (launch - 26th Nov 2005)
- The Three Year National Action Plan of the Bishops' Conference based on Listening 2004 (launch - 8th Jan 2006)

(see Quick Reference Guide for details)

When we invite people to come and see who Jesus is through scripture and prayer in this first year of our diocesan renewal process it is important that we adopt Jesus' own openness and inclusiveness as far as possible. In the modern world our methods will be different but we need to make sure that people really do feel welcome.

By doing this we will be honouring both our own renewal process and the national post-Listening 2004 initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to make 'Everybody Welcome' in 2006.

How welcoming are we?

"The means by which people are most effectively evangelised rely predominantly on human relationships and pastoral care" Report to Catholic Bishops on Evangelisation 2002

Making people welcome is not as easy as it seems. Think about it ~ as committed church workers we already feel 'at home' in our parish, school or society, we enjoy seeing our friends and colleagues when we gather for worship and like to spend time with them.

When we feel at home in any situation it is very difficult to imagine what it might feel like to be 'outside' or on the margins, feeling vulnerable or unworthy. It takes a huge effort to look at our community from the margins to see what the barriers to people joining might be.

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The Everybody's Welcome Working Group of the Bishops' Conference has identified resources to help parishes and other church communities to evaluate their welcome and to consider strategies for improving our openness:

- ***Everybody's Welcome: Helping your church to become more friendly for all kinds of families***
- ***The Ministry of Welcome: a self-evaluation and training resource for parishes***

These are available in full from:

www.everybodyswelcome.org.uk
www.celebratingfamily.org.uk

You can download these resources and begin to use them immediately in your parish, school or church group (such as toddlers groups, SVP, catechist teams).

or,

We will come and help you begin.
For our contact details see overleaf