



## **Disabilities Forum**

### **Terms of Reference**

This forum has been formed under the auspices of Caritas Leeds, which is the Diocese's umbrella organisation, to support and encourage parishes, parish based groups and associations whose focus is charitable activities and social action.

The list of **Aims** below explains more fully what the Disability Forum focuses on:

- To promote the integration of people living with disabilities into the life of the Catholic Church underpinned by the principles of inclusivity, collaboration and valuing
- To provide/signpost spiritual help to families with children and young adults who have physical, mental or sensory disabilities
- To raise the awareness of all parishioners in the Diocese of Leeds to issues of disability
- To encourage the Catholic community to respond positively to people living with any form of disability, their carers and families so that they can play a full part in the life of the parish/associations/diocese
- To disseminate information on disability and disability organisations to all parts of the diocese
- To provide access to education on disability to all in the Church
- To ensure that every parish in the Diocese carries out an inclusion audit regularly starting in 2019
- To support existing groups focusing on the needs of specific disabilities such as 'Faith and Light', 'Dementia Friendly Diocese', Deaf community etc.

#### **Membership:**

- Chair (Coordinator for Caritas Leeds)
- Individuals who bring personal experience/expertise from within the field of disabilities
- Need to adopt a broad approach to disability