

**Living in Love and Faith facilitators**

**Background and Information Paper**

These new roles have been created to facilitate the discussions in churches and PCCs as part of the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) process.

Living in Love and Faith is a Church of England initiative to invite the whole church to learn together about questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. It hopes to create braver, safer spaces for learning and listening together in a way that deepens our understanding of different perspectives and of our different lived experiences.

Churches are being invited to engage with the LLF resources as part of a process of learning, listening and discerning together a way forward for the Church of England. Facilitators are the people who enable churches to engage with the Living in Love and Faith course. In the Diocese of Chester we are currently in the process of recruiting excellent facilitators to enable the process to flourish as effectively as possible. Facilitators will usually work in pairs to co-facilitate groups.

These are voluntary posts, envisaged to require a minimum time commitment of 3 hours per week for 5 weeks. The roles are open to ordained and lay applicants.

The suitable candidates will have an understanding of the Living in Love and Faith context and a willingness to enable others to engage in conversation. Suitable candidates will not be aiming to promote an agenda, but will be faithful to, and have faith in, the Living in Love and Faith process.

As a voluntary position, there is no renumeration for the role but travelling, training and other expenses incurred in carrying out the role would be reimbursed.

Applications should be made by returning the completed application form to Liz Geddes, liz.geddes@chester.anglican.org by 5pm on 10th September 2021.

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