LLF Advocates: Role description

Aim
The LLF Advocate will
- encourage the church communities, cathedral, chaplaincies, training centres, and deaneries in the diocese to participate in the learning activities offered by the LLF resources;
- act as a point person for gathering emerging learning;
- ensure listening to the emerging learning is taking place within their own dioceses.

A small group of LLF Advocates may be needed to find helpful and creative ways of enabling the House and College of Bishops to engage with and reflect on the implications of what is emerging from the whole-church learning.

Tasks

Diocese-facing:
- act as a point person for disseminating the resources;
- help groups to engage with them as appropriate in their different contexts;
- encourage and facilitate the formation of groups across churches, to engage with difference;
- encourage groups to capture their learning in creative ways;
- liaise with the bishop and their staff to ensure the emerging learning is heard.

Next Steps Group-facing:
- act as a point-person for reporting on how engagement is progressing, and what help/resources might be needed;
- assist with finding and training appropriate group facilitators who can train others, as appropriate.

Qualities
The LLF Advocate will need
- to be enthusiastic about the church’s engagement with the themes of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage;
- to be committed to the LLF learning, listening and discerning process;
- to understand the significance of involving the whole people of God;
- to be – and be perceived to be – someone who respects different perspectives and are themselves willing to learn from different viewpoints.

Availability
The LLF Advocate will need to be able to commit significant time over the coming 18 months to this task. It may be that dioceses wish to involve more than one person to take this role on.

Support
The LLF Advocates will be supported by the LLF Enabling Officer as well as by the Next Steps Group.