

## Church Involvement in the Community

Prepared by the Church & Society Committee Presbytery of Aberdeen

### Working with those with Learning Difficulties

#### WHAT

#### WHEN

#### WHO

#### Causeway Prospects, Bridge of Don

Oldmachar Church

Support for carers and those with learning difficulties

Contact Stef Robertson ☎ 494334

#### Deeside Christian Fellowship , Binghill Drive, Milltimber

Celebration Group

Sunday mornings

Contact Tom Wilson ☎ 873501

#### Manor Project, 25-31 Manor Walk

Residential Accommodation

24/7

☎ 662513

Adults with learning difficulties

#### Queens Cross Parish Church

Coffee Shop

Mondays from 10.00am

☎ 644742

For Carers and their charges.

#### Rubislaw Church Centre

Inspire

Every 6 weeks

☎ 645477

Training for those working with people with LD's

Sewing Group

Wednesday & Thursday, weekly

For people with LD's and MS

## **General Comments**

Many congregations are very happy to host community, NHS or Council Meetings if requested.

Many have space for additional community groups to use.

Many members of congregations are involved in voluntary groups throughout the city.

Many congregations conduct regular services in Care Homes and Sheltered Housing within Parishes.

Many congregations are involved in regular housebound visiting.

All ministers and other pastoral team members make regular visits to hospitals throughout the city.

Most congregations are happy to welcome those with disabilities; many have loop systems for those with hearing difficulties, most have wheelchair access and adapted toilet facilities and others have large print bibles.

Many congregations include members dealing with abusive substances or with disabilities and find support amongst its members.

Many Sunday Schools include children with learning difficulties or behaviour issues.

All congregations exist within communities as a presence of care and compassion to all who would seek support.

This is by no means an exhaustive survey, but it is a beginning – to express the rich diversity of care demonstrated daily and weekly across the city by individuals, congregations and agencies seeking to live out their faith wherever they live and work.

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