Social Justice Champions – Could you be part of our network?

Have you got a passion for social justice? Perhaps you have campaigned in your local church for Fairtrade, environmental awareness, international development, local community needs; or you may have experience of setting up a project.

The Salisbury Diocesan network of Social Justice Champions brings interested people together so that we can make a difference in parishes, deaneries, and across the Diocese.

A Social Justice Champion could focus on getting a new project going in a parish, or keeping people aware of relevant issues. Together we might be able to concentrate on an annual campaign that raises awareness of social need. The network will also provide opportunities to meet other people who share your concerns for justice with an annual day conference as a key event. The Franciscan Community at Hilfield Friary have offered opportunities for residential gatherings including a training event and retreats with a social justice theme.

If you have specialist knowledge of a related area of work then obviously it would be good to tap into that. For example, one Social Justice Champion has experience of putting affordable housing projects in place.

Being a Social Justice Champion is a voluntary role, appointed by the Diocesan Social Justice Working Group. Some expenses can be reimbursed and the group is able to utilise expertise on grants and fundraising for local projects. A strong network will ensure that issues of social justice will be a high priority for the Diocese of Salisbury with campaigns and awareness raising taking a place alongside seeing new projects come to fruition in parishes and local communities.

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