

you are invited to host an innovative dialogue between faith communities, disability support organisations, families and advocates.

Inclusion Melbourne facilitates short community forums that aim to demystify the roles of disability support organisations and faith communities in encouraging greater participation of people with intellectual disability in their faith.

Forums are being conducted as part of a faith participation and community inclusion project conducted by Inclusion Melbourne.

faith community inclusion forum

definitions

- ▶ What is faith/ spirituality/ meaning/ religion?
- ▶ What is a disability service?
- ▶ What is community and social inclusion?

current situation

- ▶ Participation of people with intellectual disability within faith communities.
- ▶ What does participation look like?

what has been done?

- ▶ Previous research, Australia & overseas.
- ▶ Keeping Faith & Faith participation and community inclusion projects.

barriers for faith communities

- ▶ Supporting a person with intellectual disability.
- ▶ Understanding faith & spirituality of a person with an intellectual disability.
- ▶ Support from networks and support organisations
- ▶ Theology, faith and cognition.

barriers for disability organisations

- ▶ Disability support workers navigating faith communities.
- ▶ Navigating cultural traditions
- ▶ Facilitating community and social inclusion.

risk perception & risk mitigation

- ▶ Underlying perception that people with disability cannot understand or comprehend faith or spirituality.
- ▶ How do we address the concerns of a society that is increasingly wary of religion?

solutions & strategies

- ▶ How can we work with people with intellectual disability, with and without families to understand and comprehend individual faith and spirituality needs?
- ▶ How can we work together to break down the limitations constructed by society about a person's ability to understand faith and spirituality?
- ▶ What do faith communities and support organisations need to know when assisting someone to attend and/or participate in a faith community?

Location	Inclusion Melbourne, Armadale, or the location of your choosing
Duration	Forums last 2 hours but can be tailored to your needs
Cost	Contact projects@inclusiondesignlab.org.au or call (03) 9509 4266 to speak with Inclusion Designlab staff
Booking	A pricing agreement will be arranged on a per forum basis