



## **ROLE DESCRIPTION: Inclusive Church Regional Ambassador**

**ROLE:** IC Regional Ambassador

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** The National Coordinator  
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**Purpose:** Inclusive Church ambassadors are the representatives of Inclusive Church in a particular region.

### **Representing Inclusive Church**

Inclusive Church is an educational charity (rather than a campaigning organisation) which works directly with churches of all denominations. We raise awareness and increase knowledge of inclusion, access, equality and diversity, as well as the theology relating to these topics in order to build an expansive, compassionate, justice-orientated church for the future.

All ambassadors should make sure that they have a clear understanding of the purpose and vision of Inclusive Church. If you have any questions – please contact the National Coordinator. You can also read more on our website: <https://www.inclusive-church.org/> - particularly referring to the 'about us' page: <https://www.inclusive-church.org/about-us/>

All ambassadors should make sure they have looked at the policy documents here: <https://www.inclusive-church.org/policies>

### **The Work of an Ambassador**

Regional ambassadors are passionate about the work of IC and give of their time freely to promote our vision to make churches more inclusive. Some ambassadors are ordained ministers and some are not. If you want to be an ambassador, this may affect how you approach the role (and how others in the churches see you), so you may need to consider this prayerfully as you decide whether to become an ambassador and whether your role as an ordained or lay person might add barriers or remove barriers for you. How will you manage this?

Regional ambassadors do many things and act as an important point of contact for churches on the ground. However, they do not themselves sign up churches to the IC network. There is an official process for this – it involves approval from the church governing body and then from IC's governing body



(the trustees). Speak to the National Coordinator or have a look at the website if you're unsure about this: <https://www.inclusive-church.org/join/>

Here are some of the things that Regional Ambassadors *can* do!

- Take part in the free training that is offered by Inclusive Church for all regional ambassadors each year. Sometimes this is run by the National Coordinator and sometimes by someone from outside the organisation. It is an opportunity to learn and grow in the role, but also to meet other ambassadors around from the country.
- Promote, encourage, build relationships, suggest names, make contacts, put people in touch with the Nat Co, etc. in order to move churches towards signing up to the IC network. All of this can take time and is all very important groundwork.
- Encourage people to become new regional ambassadors and point them to the Nat Co for a conversation about this.
- Offer guidance and support to churches wanting to know more about Inclusive Church, including signposting churches to the resources available through the website.
- Speak and preach at churches which are interested in knowing how the gospel and inclusion are linked and/or might be thinking about joining the IC network.
- Act as a point of contact with Inclusive Church for the sharing of information about events and news in the local area, and feedback any local news or issues that may be important for the monthly IC newsletter to the National Coordinator.
- Build relationships with existing inclusive churches within your region. Consider the possibility of organising meetings to bring together local IC churches for support, encouragement, training, theological reflection and prayer.
- Consider the possibility of encouraging gatherings for local inclusive clergy/lay leaders for support, prayer and encouragement.
- Seek to build relationships with other partner groups within your region (e.g Affirming Catholicism, SCP, OneBodyOneFaith, PCN, Modern Church, WATCH, MOSAIC etc).



- Explore ways in which the Inclusive Church book series may be promoted within your region, for example links with Christian bookshops, church/cathedral bookstalls etc.
- Set up an IC stall at an event or conference near you. You can even sell some of the books with help from the Nat Co, and ask for leaflets, booklets etc for the stall.
- Build relationships on behalf of Inclusive Church with appropriate regional structures and personnel – for example:
  - Superintendents / Bishops
  - Archdeacons
  - Vocational Staff
  - Rural/Area Deans
  - Training Officers (Clergy and lay)
  - Women's' Ministry officers
  - Communications Team
  - Social Responsibility Team
- Build relationships with and act as a contact point for local media.
- Finally, ambassadors may feel it important to keep the work of IC in your prayers – both personally and in your own churches.

**Other information:**

- As well as the monthly newsletter, we may contact you directly occasionally about a specific issue. We will not bombard you with emails.
- IC will publish your contact details on its website. You may want to consider if there are any implications for you having this information publicly available. You can ask to have a special email address created just for the role, but you will either need to check it regularly or have forwarding set up.
- Expenses – please contact the National Coordinator if you anticipate any expenditure for this role.