

Chaplaincy Local Environment Officer (LEO) – Suggested role description

It is important to stress that the whole chaplaincy is called to care for creation. LEOs are not expected to be experts, or to do all this alone. The elements of the LEO role can be shared amongst several people. It is strongly recommended that an Environmental Group be established within the chaplaincy to share the load and provide mutual support (ideally this group should be formally recognised by the Chaplaincy Council). The Diocesan Caring for Creation Working Group (C4CWG) and Archdeaconry Environment Officer (AEO) are also there to help identify and provide resources to support the LEO's work, and are available to help with queries. Not all the elements below are expected to be implemented immediately – we are all on a journey, making progress through successive steps.

Liaise with the Chaplaincy Council on aspects of creation care, including Eco Church and progress to Net Zero Carbon, including providing regular updates for Chaplaincy Council meetings, sharing information from the Diocesan and Archdeaconry creation care networks, and contributing to the chaplaincy's annual report.

Organise regular meetings of the chaplaincy environmental group to explore how to raise awareness of creation care, to reduce the chaplaincy's environmental impact and to encourage the congregation to reduce their own environmental footprint. (The Eco Church survey provides a sound framework and ideas on how to do this).

Encourage the congregation to engage more fully with creation care. For example, participate in services during creationtide, contribute to chaplaincy newsletter, share resources/environmental tips, organise events.

Register the chaplaincy with Eco Church, complete the Eco Church survey, and update it regularly. (The survey has 5 sections and it may be helpful to have someone different responsible for taking the lead on each part).

Monitor the chaplaincy's carbon footprint using tools provided/recommended by the C4CWG (guidance and support will be provided).



Work with the Chaplaincy Council and the congregation to develop an Action Plan for the Chaplaincy to achieve Eco Church awards and Net Zero Carbon, and monitor its implementation.

Encourage engagement with local ecumenical and community environmental activities. Provide information to the AEO and/or C4CWG as and when requested. (This will include annual information on progress in implementing the chaplaincy milestones included in the Diocese's Net Zero Activity Programme.

Participate in the Archdeaconry creation care network (meetings – probably online – at least twice a year).

Participate in the annual Archdeaconry training/induction session for LEOs.