

Accessibility

Training & Award

An exciting new partnership with the diocese means that your church could participate in a free* accessibility training session or gain an accessibility award. There are four ways you can get involved:

- 1. Accessibility Training**
Practical in-person training for church teams (evening or weekend).
- 2. Leaders' Accessibility Training**
Daytime training for church leaders, easy to share and apply.
- 3. Accessibility Award**
A full accessibility audit and award with follow-up calls enabling everyone to be seen, heard and able to belong.
- 4. Remote Accessibility Certificate**
A Video-call walkthrough of your church, follow-up support, and certificate.

*All offers are free until July 2027. There is a small suggested donation for all sessions which is on a sliding scale of £75-300. After July 2027 churches will be invoiced according to the sliding scale and their church income level.

Email info@growinghope.org.uk to express your interest



Accessibility Training: A 2hr training session enabling your teams to be practically equipped to welcome children and young people with a range of additional needs (physical, learning, mental health and undiagnosed). The focus will be on **Sensory processing**. How we understand the world through our senses, how God speaks to us and how we practically apply this to church ministry. The training includes voices of individuals with lived experience of additional needs and participating in church.

Leaders Accessibility Training: A 2hr training session in your region during a weekday, with four other churches, to provide practical strategies around **Sensory processing** and engaging everyone to be seen, heard and able to belong in church. The training includes voices of individuals with lived experience of additional needs and participating in church.

Accessibility award: An in-person audit of your church which explores five different aspects of accessibility - physical access, multisensory support, accessibility coordination, a culture of welcome and preparation for all individuals. We support all churches, including listed buildings, to enable greater accessibility for their whole community. You will receive a detailed report and 30 minute call to discuss your church's accessibility.

Accessibility certificate: This is based on an audit check-list and video call walk through of your church which enables us to provide you with support and ideas to achieve a bronze, silver or gold certificate in accessibility. We will provide a 30 minute feedback call and summary report of ideas to enable your church to be a place where everyone is seen, heard and able to belong.