

Archdeaconry Environment Officer (AEO) - Suggested role description

Organise (in conjunction with the Archdeacon) regular (probably online?) meetings of the Archdeaconry creation care network (LEOs of all chaplaincies) - at least twice a year. Organise (in conjunction with the Archdeacon) an annual training/induction session for LEOs within the Archdeaconry.

Work with the Archdeacon to offer an appropriate point on creation care at Archdeaconry Synod meetings.

Support chaplaincies within the Archdeaconry to achieve Eco Church and Net Zero objectives (be the first point of contact for LEOs, help identify/publicise resources, encourage chaplaincies to share experience and support each other etc). Participate in the (quarterly) extended meetings of the Caring for Creation Working Group (C4CWG), and be a two-way channel of communication between the C4CWG and the LEOs.

As and when requested, consult LEOs and/or collect information from them and report to the C4CWG (this network structure will become part of the monitoring framework to regularly assess the Diocese's progress to Eco Church and Net Zero objectives). Be available to connect with Diocesan Staff and also with other bodies (Church of England, global Anglican Communion, A Rocha/Eco Church, Ecumenical and European partners etc.) and to participate in environment-related events as needed, to represent the Archdeaconry and to bring learning from other sources to share within the Archdeaconry.

It is important to stress that Archdeaconry Environment Officers are not expected to be experts, or to do all this alone. The C4CWG will help identify and provide resources to support their work, and will be available to help with queries.