

Purpose of the Role

To make Jesus Christ known to people with intellectual disabilities in Orange so they can know Him and live as his disciples.

Character and Competence Expectations

- A love for people with disability
- Profess faith in Christ and are an active member of their own congregation. They will seek to grow their own relationship with Christ through regular prayer and Bible reading.
- Model godliness for those they lead, setting an example in their speech, conduct, love, faith and purity (1 Tim 4:12)
- Abide by the OEC Code of Conduct for Volunteers, Overseers and Ministry Workers
- Support and respect the Jesus Club Team Leader and the leadership (Overseers and Ministry Staff) of OEC.

The Jesus Club Leader

Jesus Club leaders pray for and teach the Bible to adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) in Orange so they can know Christ and live as his disciples.

Leaders will understand that disabilities are an aspect of members lives, however this does not define them (2 Cor 5:16-17). They will recognise that the members are adults and treat them with love, respect and dignity. They will appreciate the diverse gifts and abilities God has given them and that they can equally participate in the body of Christ.

Leaders will welcome group members from other churches in Orange and those who have no connection with a local church. As Jesus Club is not a replacement for church, leaders are to encourage members that come from other churches to attend their own services on Sundays.

As carers and support people often accompany group members, Jesus Club leaders are to respect the role of these people as experts in their care. Leaders will invite any support people to participate in the activities as they feel comfortable.

Role in practice

Jesus Club members will:

- Attend the fortnightly program during school terms
- Work on a rostered basis to prepare in advance and lead different elements of the Jesus Club program (eg. giving Bible talks, leading activities, games etc.)
- Attend Jesus Club leader training once per term and be willing to accept the informal feedback given by the Team Leader

Appointment and Commitment

- Jesus Club leaders apply to and are appointed by the Jesus Club Team Leader, in consultation with their congregational minister.
- Jesus Club leaders will have been regularly attending OEC for approximately 6 months prior to appointment as a leader.
- Jesus Club leaders commit annually to serving at Jesus Club for the following 12-month period.
- Adult leaders must hold a current Working with Children Check and have completed Safe Ministry training within the last three years.
- Youth in Years 11 - 12 may be leaders

Leader Support

The Jesus Club leaders work as a team to support one another in this ministry, sharing ideas, encouragement and feedback with one another. The team is lead and cared for by the Jesus Club Team Leader.

Ongoing training of the Jesus Club leaders is coordinated by the Team Leader formally once per term and informally, as leaders reflect together on the ministry and provide feedback one to another.
