

## **Why Are We Here? Meeting the spiritual needs of people with learning disabilities**

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Spirituality is an overlooked dimension of the lives of people with learning disabilities. Carers, support workers, policy makers, managers and religious communities often overlook spirituality, feeling that they are not trained to deal with this area of people's lives or that there simply isn't time to incorporate it effectively.

This report presents the findings of a two year nation wide research programme designed to explore the spiritual lives of people with learning disabilities. It examines the significance of this dimension of their experience for strategies of care and support. This report would be beneficial for those who provide care for people with learning disabilities, as well as religious communities.

This report is being launched at a series of seminars, to be held in London on the 15<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2004.

The summary of the report is available as an Update: research and policy briefing. An easy to read summary of the report is also available as a downloadable pdf.

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