**So, where do I start?**

“So where do I start?” is a question we’ve been asked often.

So, here goes with some suggestions.

These are not a ‘you have to do these’ list but a list of ideas to get you started.

1. Pray!    (Always a good place to start!) The new Prayer Handbook ‘A Place for All’ is an excellent resource for us all.  You could make this the point to suggest that others start.

1. Put some time in your diaries for the year ahead to do this work (a session a month or a week is a good place to start… more if you can)

1. Spend an hour writing down all the questions you have. Feel free to send it to Jill or to put them into the Facebook group ‘Methodist EDI Officers’, or be in touch with each other if you think any of this would help.

1. Speak to your District Chair and your Learning Network regional team-leaders to book a time to discuss the role and the role description.

1. Ask for a slot at the Spring (or Autumn) Synod to share the news of the strategy and to promote the User Guide and other resources.

1. Read the strategy and begin to plan how the User Guide could be promoted for use around your district.

1. Watch films and TV and read books… anything to ‘get you into’ a different world… maybe focus on aspects of human life that you understand least? Please pass on to us any great ones [marshj@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:marshj@methodistchurch.org.uk" \t "_blank) as we’re collecting these ideas together.

1. Ask if you can email your superintendent ministers, or attend a district Superintendents’ Gathering, and also ask them to forward to you any contacts of Methodists who may be involved in this EDI work in their working lives.

1. Arrange a Zoom ‘open meeting’ for anybody wanting to know more or hoping to contribute to the district’s work and thinking on this.

1. Spend one of your ‘EDI hours’ looking through the Methodist Church website’s pages on this work and working out what you might want to go back to.

[The Inclusive Methodist Church](https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/" \t "_blank)

1. Look at the various training webinar links from the website, examples here below:

[https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/news/events-courses/zoom-webinars/being-an-inclusive-church.html](https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/news/events-courses/zoom-webinars/being-an-inclusive-church.html" \t "_blank)

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