Federation Council 2023-2028

The International Leadership Team appointed members of the Federation Council to serve during the 2023-2028 Mandate in May 2023. These new members were recommended by their National Leaders. The Federation Council meets once in between Federation Assemblies and can be consulted at other times.

“Community life is fundamental to the Federation. Councils are a place for persons with and without intellectual disabilities, who are actively engaged in community life, to offer their wisdom and experience to the International Leaders. The Federation Council is a place to take counsel on the progress of the Mandate of the Federation at mid-term. It allows for new emerging themes to be articulated.”

~ Constitution of the International Federation of L’Arche Communities

The Federation Assembly is asked to ratify* these appointments via electronic vote during the Federation Assembly June 20-23.

* The Federation Assembly has the authority to ratify some decisions made by other bodies within the Federation. This means to check that the processes leading up to the decisions were implemented correctly.

Federation Council 2023-2028
Appointed by International Leadership Team May 5, 2023

Three community members from each of Canada, France, UK, and USA, including one person with an intellectual disability, recommended by their National Leader

UK
Laura Matheson, a member of L’Arche Highland with learning disabilities.
Megan Ayres, House Leader in L’Arche Highland
Stacey Owen, new Community Leader of L’Arche Liverpool.

France
Joseph Krysman: regional leader for the Mediterranean region
Hélène Thomé: community leader of Aix en Provence
Nicolas Durrande: member with a learning disability from Aix en Provence.

USA
Anders Gullberg: member with a disability from L’Arche Chicago
Molly Townsend: House Coordinator in L’Arche Chicago
Gilbert Marquez: Director of Operations at L’Arche Wavecrest in Orange, California.
Canada
Will Grassby: Training Coordinator for L’Arche Canada and his home community is L’Arche Daybreak.
May Banting: member with a disability in L’Arche Halifax
Sherry Kavumkal: Homes Coordinator in L’Arche Halifax

One community member from each of the other Countries, and four persons with an intellectual disability coming from this group, recommended by the group of National Leaders with the International Delegate

India
DB Rana - assistant from Asha Niketan Kolkata
Rahul Francis – member with a learning disability from Asha Niketan Asansol

Australia
Rosa Rita: a house leader in the New South Wales community.

Poland
Monika Grabowska: community leader of new project in Opole
Kamila Napiórkowska: a member with a disability in Opole

Switzerland
Andreas Uhlig: responsible for the Foyer Grain de Sel in L'Arche Fribourg

Ireland
Kathleen Keaney: Assistant Coordinator from L’Arche Cork

Germany
Jeannie Delia: Administrative Leader of L’Arche Ravensburg
Daniel Frick: member with a disability from L’Arche Ravensburg

Belgium
Sophie Materne: responsible for assistants in L’Arche Namur.
Ann van Oteghem: community leader in L’Arche Moerkerke-Brugge

A total of eight community members from the communities not grouped together in a Country, including two people with intellectual disabilities, recommended by the group of International Envoys with the International Delegate.

Zimbabwe
Time Baluwa - community leader of L’Arche Zimbabwe
Ivy Chimonyo - member with a disability from L’Arche Zimbabwe

Brazil
Sylvia Lovisi: Community Leader in Sorocaba
Mexico  
**Araceli Bravo**: Community Leader of El Arca Queretaro

Spain  
**Erika Duran Aparicio** - Workshop leader in El Rusc community

New Zealand  
**Rebecca Bridgeman**: member with a disability from L’Arche Mount Tabor  
**Karen Hammond**: assistant from L’Arche Mount Tabor

Croatia  
**Ljilja Ivanković**: leader of the professional team of the community of Korablja, Zagreb.