



GUIDE FOR THE DVD-ROM DANCE in the SHADOW

PDF 6

USING THE DANCE IN THE SHADOW KIT FOR RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

The *Dance in the Shadow* kit is suitable for Retreats for Senior Students and for Professional Development Days or for Specialist Conferences for Social Sciences (Family Studies, Social Justice), Leadership (Guidance, Citizenship), Special Education, and Religion.

- A. We suggest playing the 12-min. *Revel in the Light* video as an introduction, as it shows Rebecca's childhood and school years and the ways in which she was integrated with other children. You may want to adapt some of the questions in PDF 1 (Introduction) or, if you are using it for retreats, PDF 5.
- B. Then play the 23-min. *Dance in the Shadow* video, which shows Rebecca today and includes content from Rebecca's parents, a family friend, and two of Rebecca's long-time dance partners. They discuss her gifts and some of the ways they have dealt with the social barriers to inclusion. If time permits, also play one of the Dance clips.

General questions for conferences and retreats:

1. What surprised or inspired you?
2. Was there anything that concerned you about Rebecca's portrayal?
3. What could you take away from this film? (For example, what are the barriers to accessibility that need to be addressed in your setting?)
4. What next steps can you commit to as an individual, a department, a school, a board?

“*Can we reasonably have a dream of a world where every person, regardless of their ability or disability, can contribute their gifts and belong?*”
—Jean Vanier

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About this resource: Please note that this guide may be used with the *Dance in the Shadow* video clips that are available free online on the larche.ca Education page or on the partnersforplanning.ca website or you may purchase the DVD-ROM titled *Dance in the Shadow* from inclusion.com.