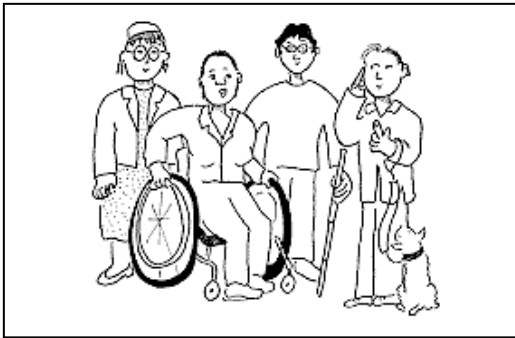


Leicester City Learning Disability Partnership Board



What People Do Group



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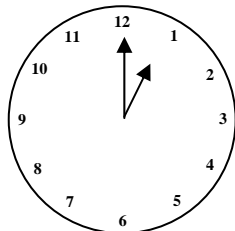
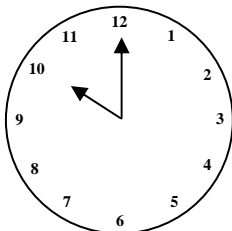
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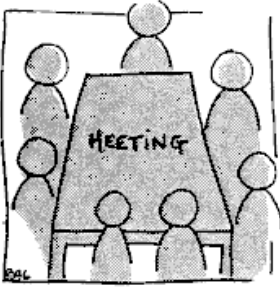
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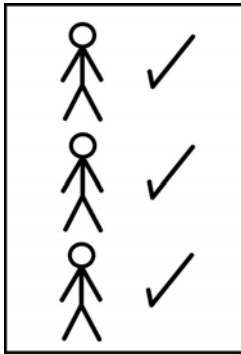




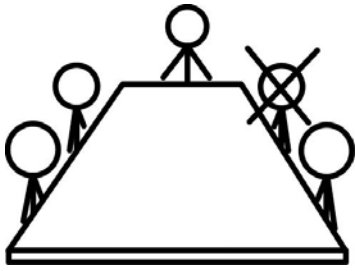
1. Welcome and Introductions

David asked everyone to introduce themselves. Everybody said their names and what they do.

People at the meeting



- **David Brown** - Person Centred Planning Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Lou Brown** – Team Manager, Learning Disabilities, Leicester City Council
- **Carole Shelton** – Person Centred Planning Coordinator, Leicester City Council
- **Serveena Dhir** – Self-Advocate, We Think
- **Nasiban Haroon** – Self-Advocate, Ansaar
- **Jo Burke** – Carers Participation Officer, Leicester City Council
- **Stan Brown** – Parent carer
- **Shamima Sidat** - Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Donna Bishop** – Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Shamima Essat** – Valuing People Support Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Peter Penfold** – Person Centred Planning Assistant, Leicester City Council
- **Andrena Porter** - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
- **Sam Holliday** – Senior Practitioner, Learning Disabilities, Leicester City Council
- **Michael Lewis** – Central Lending Library
- **Gill Cameron** - Team Manager, Workforce Development Unit
- **Habiba Pathan** - Self-Advocate, Ansaar

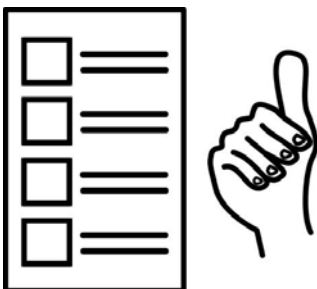


- **Nadia Arif** – Student Social Worker, Ansaar

2. Apologies

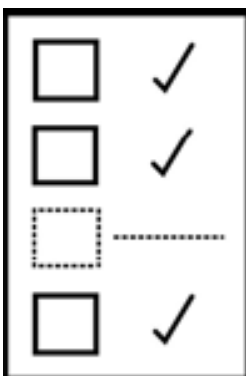
People who could not come to the meeting

- **Grace Mistry** - Valuing People Support Worker, Leicester City Council
- **Lynsey Robinson** - Advocacy Empowerment Worker (Inclusion), Mencap Advocacy Service
- **Jane Hemsley** – Workforce Development Officer, Leicester City Council
- **Peter Kazakevics** - Vista
- **Sarju Sheta** – Accountant, Leicester City Council
- **Philomena Mclarty** - Senior Practitioner, Learning Disabilities, Leicester City Council
- **Steph Chapman** – Family carer
- **Jo Brown** – Acting Team Manager, Learning Disabilities, Leicester City Council
- **Sally Ann Dickinson** – Acting Senior Practitioner, Learning Disabilities, Leicester City Council



3. Minutes of the last meeting – 12 February

- 3.1 About point 5.32 from the last minutes, Gill said that the Criminal record checks for the Special Olympics volunteers are being handled by Voluntary Action Leicester.



4. Matters arising

- 4.1 We checked the actions from the last meeting.
- 4.2 Action 1: We had agreed to invite certain people to this meeting.
- 4.3 There were some people who could not come to the meeting.

Leicester College are on their Easter break.
Leanne Franklin from Adult Education is on Easter break.

Jo Brown has asked for a representative from transport.

We had present representatives from Ansaar.

Michael Lewis has come from libraries.

Denise Crouches from the Adult placement Service was coming to the meeting.

Jo had invited Ann Standley from West Gate School.

Carole had invited Karen Harland from Mencap.

4.4 Sam Holliday said she had asked a Commissioning Social Worker to come, but no-one came.

4.5 Action 2: Not everyone had received their copy of the Terms of Reference.

4.6 Lou read through the Terms of Reference and minutes.

The group was asked how accessible the Terms of Reference and the minutes are. We said they're 'in the middle'. Someone said they're too long and that they don't want any hard words.

4.7 The general feeling was that the Terms of Reference are not quite clear enough. The Terms of Reference has no specific direction. We talked about what the Terms of Reference said. Carole made some changes as we talked. Grace will type these up.

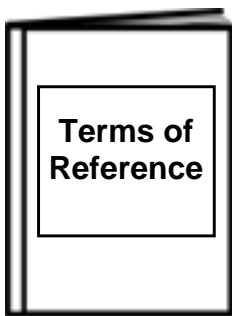
4.8 The group were disappointed that many key people had not come to the meeting.

Action – the What People Do group are to read through the Terms of Reference and send any comments to Grace.

4.9 Action 3: Jo has spoken to Ivor. Carole reminded the group about the internet radio. Carole, David Brown and Sukhi Basra will help any group who want to record something to put onto the radio channel.

4.11 Action 4: Jo Burke will talk to Steph Chapman about the radio too.

4.10 Action 5: We were not sure if the Quality Assurance Standard were sent out with the previous minutes.



- 4.11 Action 6: the In-house transport and the Public transport meetings have joined together to make one Transport Working group. The Transport Working Group will look at transport complaints.
- 4.12 Action 8: Aaron Keen is going to the Carers Action Group meeting in June.

5. Update

Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group

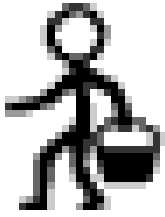


- 5.1 Lou told the group that the Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group are currently talking to people using the 'My Time' questionnaires. They are finding out what people do, when they do it, and where they go. They are also finding out what they want to do, and what might be stopping them doing that.
- 5.2 The Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group are asking people who currently use our day services.
- 5.3 The Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group will have all responses in by 21 April. They will be able to talk about the results at the next meeting.
- 5.4 Lou said carers are being asked to help where people are not as able to tell us themselves.
- 5.5 Stan Brown was very keen for carers to be included.
Lou will write an article for the next Carers newsletter.

Action – Lou to write an article for the carers newsletter on 'My Time'.

- 5.6 The Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group are also arranging 4 evening activities in the year.
- 5.7 The first evening activity will take place on 21 April at Westcotes pub. This evening is for people who live nearby.

It is hoped that they will get to know their local friendly pub and people could go by themselves and meet their friends there.



5.8 2 other suggestions for the year included late night shopping to Highcross. This would take place near to Christmas.

The other idea is for a visit to the cinema.

5.9 Nasiban said that Ansaar have been talking about having more things to do, as people are bored.

5.10 Nadia asked the group to think about activities for people from ethnic communities who all speak the same language.

5.11 Gill said we need to find out what activities are already happening. We can then help people with learning disabilities to get involved.

5.11 Lou talked about the Sports Extravaganza. The Social, Leisure and Hobbies Group want to do something to keep the Special Olympics legacy going by keeping people with learning disabilities involved in sport.



5.12 The Sports Extravaganza will include all sports and include mainstream as well as specialist sports groups.

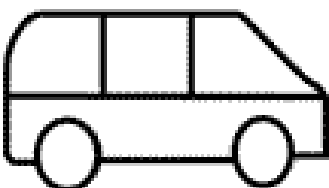
5.13 Trish said that Lou could talk to the Special Olympics legacy group at their next meeting which will take place on 11 May.

5.14 Sam Holliday said recently there was an event for profound multiple learning disability support at Evington Leisure Centre.

Sam will share a report about the event.

Action – Grace to send the Social, Leisure and Hobbies group dates with the minutes, and include Ansaar in the distribution list.

Transport



5.15 David Brown has a DVD that CLEAR made about Transport. However David has not had time to watch it before this meeting.

The transport group had talked about making a DVD but didn't want to duplicate it if there is one already.

5.16 The in-house transport and the public transport groups have joined to make just 1 meeting. This was because key people were not attending the 2 different meetings.

5.17 Sam Holliday and Anthea Anderson from Transport strategy are meeting with the big bus companies.

5.18 Sam has met with Arriva. They are doing quite a lot of driver training. Sam is trying to find out what the training is about.

Arriva are involved in the Special Olympics.

5.19 The action plans for the in-house transport group and the public transport group have been joined together.

Companion Passes are on the new Transport Action Plan.

The Transport Action plan will be available at the next What People Do meeting.

5.20 Gill said Sarah Taylor is looking at how the Learning Disability Awareness Training team can get involved in transport.

5.21 Trish said the Special Olympics are trying to organise good transport prices for athletes and volunteers.

Highcross will be open for athletes and families during 1 evening. They will think about how to extend this to all people with learning disability in Leicester.

5.22 They are also looking at using the Park and Ride schemes.

5.23 Donna asked about getting tickets for the opening ceremony.

The tickets are £5 each. There are only 6,000 tickets. The tickets can be brought from the tourist information.



Action – Grace to find out more information on how to get tickets for the Special Olympics opening ceremony. Grace to share with the group.

5.24 Gill talked about the Learning Disability Awareness training. The training is being offered to Special Olympics volunteers. 800 preference forms have been sent out. More than 400 people have said they want to take part.

5.25 24 people have been trained to deliver the training. 8 of these people are people with learning disabilities.

Break

5.26 During the break Yasmin had a call from someone asking about adult changing facilities. They had rung Social Services and were told there isn't one. There's 1 in Highcross.

5.27 Lou said the 'My Time' questionnaires revealed that good toilets were a barrier for people to get out.

5.28 Good communication about what's going on is needed too. We talked about how we could do this.

The Learning Disability Information and Communication Network website was 1 suggestion.

Michael suggested Shaun Mapp from Regeneration and Culture could help with this.

5.29 Donna raised the issue that people might need support to use some sports kits and equipment.

5.30 Carole said during the Learning Disability week in June, Mencap will have a Changing Places campaign. Any stories to support the campaign are to go to Sue Brookes at Mencap.

5.31 Gill asked if there was an adult changing room at Walkers Stadium. The group thought there might not be. The families will be using the Walkers Stadium as a 'Hub' during the Special Olympics.



Action – Sam to find information about hiring portable Changing Places loos.

5.32 Peter Penfold asked about training for the Special Olympics volunteers. Gill said there is lots of different training available. They will be starting the training soon.

5.33 Michael Lewis asked what happens with the volunteers after the Special Olympics. Trish said that Voluntary Action Leicester will keep in touch with the volunteers from Leicester. Job Centre Plus are also linking with the volunteers to help them get paid jobs.



Learning

5.34 Trish gave some feedback about the Learning group.

5.35 The Learning Group are a small group. They are people who think about curriculum (what courses there are, and what things people learn on those courses).

5.36 The Learning Group are talking to the Learning Skills Council about what sort of training people want.

Money from the Learning Skills Council is available to pay for learning that will help people into work or to be more independent.

5.37 The Learning Group are also looking for 'train to gain' money.

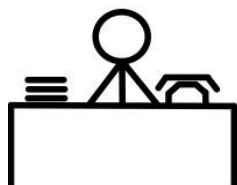
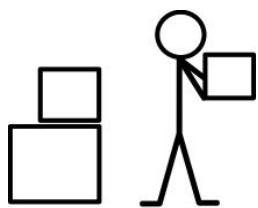
5.38 Next year there will be no Learning Skills Council.

5.39 The money will go mostly to children's services, who provide learning opportunities up to the age of 25. But it is not known what will happen to the money for adult learning.

5.40 People will have to pay for courses that are hobby-based. The courses will cost less for people who are on benefits.

5.41 Libraries are doing taster sessions for computers and for active citizenship.

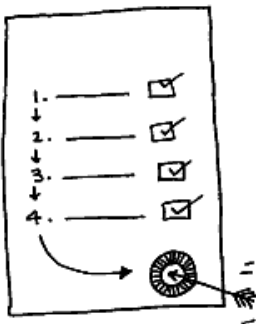
Libraries are also looking at developing hobby-type learning.



Employment

- 5.42 Trish gave some feedback on the Employment groups.
- 5.43 Workout is no longer running.
- 5.44 Some people who used to attend Workout are now going to Layton House. Adult Learning are going in to help them learn skills to get jobs.
- 5.45 There are 59 people with learning disabilities in employment at the moment. 34 more people have tried to get jobs but were not successful. Sally-Ann will have more information as to why they did not get the jobs.
- 5.46 The Employment group are thinking about how to work with businesses so that they can support more people to get jobs.
- 5.47 Gill said the Learning Disability Awareness training could help.
- 5.48 There will be another employment conference on 13 July, but it is not confirmed. It will look at good practice. Local businesses will be invited to the conference.
- 5.49 Leicester College are hosting a course for people who are volunteering for the Special Olympics. It will be 2 weeks at college, then doing a work experience placement, and then more time at college. They will get a certificate at the end.
- 5.50 There were up to 25 Project Search UK placements in the past year. The Government has liked this.
- 2 new sites are being set up in the UK to run Project Search UK.
The new Employment Guidance, which is out on 8 June, will recommend Project Search UK.

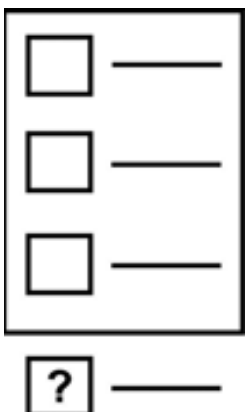
- 5.51 Yasmin and Justin met with Job centre Plus who want to employ 3 people with learning disabilities. They are currently looking at the job descriptions.
- 5.52 Gill said Human Resources and Occupational Therapists are turning people down to work with Leicester City Council. Even doctors are saying people are not fit for work.
- 5.53 Justin is now the new Regional Employment Project Lead.



6. Key Priorities Action Plan

- 6.1 An updated action plan was not sent with the minutes.
Gill reminded the group that the action plan needs to be done before the next Learning Disability Partnership Board on 18 June.
- 6.2 Trish suggested that the leads for the groups get together to do this. They can then talk about it at the next meeting What people Do meeting on 4 June.

Action – Grace to arrange a meeting for the working group leads to get together and discuss the What People Do action plan.



7. Anything else?

- 7.1 Lou asked Michael if he found the meetings useful. Lou also asked how he thinks libraries can be involved.
Michael said that the meeting has been useful. He can see lots already being done but can see cross-overs with the libraries' agenda's.

Michael will help raise our profile.

The library has a mini-bus and lots of learning opportunities.

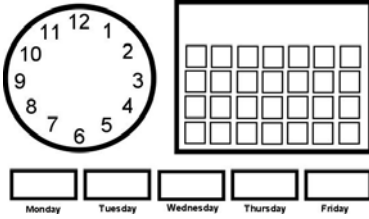
Michael has a lot of contacts who could help us too.



- 7.2 Peter Penfold talked about some work that the Person Centred planning team have been doing. They have been talking to people who live in residential homes. Peter has also been talking to people about volunteering for the Special Olympics.
- 7.3 David Brown and Peter talked about the places that people go to. Some people are able to go out. Some people need staff with them. 1 person was stopped from going out.
- 7.4 Trish mentioned some new rules about 'Deprivation of Liberty'. Trish said Carole, David and Peter could talk to the Derivation of Liberty Safeguarding social workers.
- 7.5 Lou asked Carole, David and Peter if they could share any information about the Person Centred Planning quality checks project with the What People Do group.
- 7.6 Carole talked a little bit about the Person Centred Planning quality checks project. Carole will write more about it to send to the group.

Action – Carole to write about the Person Centred Planning quality checks project and send to Grace. Grace to include it with the minutes.

- 7.7 Peter talked about his holiday to Great Yarmouth to watch the Bowls. He talked about the help he is getting with his trip. He also talked about wanting to go and watch the snooker. He is getting good support to help him do this.
- 7.8 Nasiban said in her spare time she likes to do colouring.
- 7.9 Serveena thinks we should do more group day trips. She spends a lot of time at home.
- 7.10 Donna is collecting money for the Special Olympics.
- 7.11 Shamima Sidat talked about how she uses her Individual Budget to pay for support for things like a holiday to Dubai. She feels people should have more holiday choices.



9. Dates of 2009 meetings

4 June - Room 1, 8th Floor, B-Block, New Walk Centre

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Time: 10 am to 1 pm

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