

**Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting minutes held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Stephen co-chaired the meeting with James

We all said our names.

**We said what the traffic light cards mean**

- The red card is to stop the meeting or to vote no
- The amber card is to ask a question
- The green card is to vote yes, or you can put it in the air if you want to speak.

We looked at the minutes from the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2017

**Things to talk about from the last meeting.**

- Everyone had received the minutes before the meeting.
- Craig Smith, Zuber Arif, Mandy Crabtree and Ryan Thornton need to be added to the list of attendees.

**News Items and Events**

- A Disability Information day leaflet was given to group.
- A Mental health, Mental Capacity and Human Rights event leaflet given to group.
- Lucy told us about Meet and Match and gave us leaflets for some events that are happening soon. There are some workshops on how to date safely.
- North West Regional Forum Conference - We had a discussion on last year's event. It is important to have your say. Angie told us

what she did at last year's conference. Transport for this year's event still needs organising.

- Gabby told us about the Festival of Making: Makers Market. The group from college will be having a stall to sell the things they make. The group is making T-shirts and mugs to sell.
- Peter told us about National Learning Disabilities Week. We talked about events we could do. We said we could do a week of events at YSYC.
- James told us about some of the things that happen at YSYC.
- Resolve are based at YSYC.
- James has applied for money to support the Resolve group to report hate crime.
- Carol told us that YSYC is a safe place and are now involved in reporting hate crime to the police.
- Jackie told us there are national symbols that can be put in a window to show somewhere is a safe place.

## **Coffee break**

## **Things to talk about**

- Apologies were sent from Paula Lomas but she wanted us to know that Self Advocacy is still continuing.
- Peter has a new role but will continue to come to the board meetings.
- A vote was taken for day and time of future meetings and we all agreed that we would stick to the same venue and time

- Lucy offered to come along to future meetings and develop Meet and match with the group. This offer was accepted by the group
- Carol told us about going to meet a lady who talked about low numbers of people with disabilities being in employment. Carol will invite her to speak to the board in the future.
- Alan talked about meaningful activities and possible effects on benefits.
- Tom told us about how he set up his own business and how this was an ideal situation for others but not easy to achieve
- Health and wellbeing moved from Bridge House to Darwen Resource Centre.

### **Any other business**

- Connect update - Connect have got funding for 3 more years.
- Cheryl - Gave out easy read guide to connect.
- Companies and routes are now sorted after recent changes due to one company not being properly insured.
- James to make list of dates for future meetings and share with everyone.

Date for next meeting agreed as Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Meeting closed.

All future meetings will be held at the same venue from 10am to 12 noon :

Blackburn Enterprise Centre  
Furthergate  
Blackburn  
BB1 3HQ

Lunch will be provided after each meeting.

The dates over the next 12 months are as follows (all Wednesday mornings):

12th April 2017

14th June 2017

9th August 2017

11th October 2017

13th December 2017

14th February 2018

Please put these in your diaries

We are trying out a new form of reporting the meeting minutes which we will share with you at the next meeting. Our aim is to ensure this information is accessible to the widest possible audience and we would like your views when we meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.