

Greenwich Learning Disability Partnership Board

12 June 2009, at Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich, SE18

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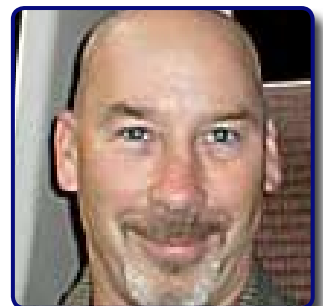
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Voyage Care

Helen Randall

Woolwich Dockyard Service

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Working with Words

James Bennett, Lynne Campbell



James Bennett



Lynne Campbell

1 Introduction and sorry from people who couldn't come to the meeting

The meeting was introduced by **John Auld**.

Langley Gifford and **Dr Sean Gravestock** were sorry that they could not come to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the last meeting on 27 March

These were agreed.

3 Work we had to do

John Auld said that the Carers workshop (item 4) had talked about important points in working with carers and lessons had been learned. John is working with the Carers' Lead **Sandra Arscott**. Teams are looking for ways of working together better.



Minutes

4 Feedback from workshops

Black and Minority Ethnic Group

Dean Bogle told the meeting about the workshop. The group had looked at choosing services as the service moves towards **personalisation**.



Dean Bogle

Dean had asked what kinds of things people would like to do. Ideas were:

- catering skills
- looking for work
- volunteering
- living independently and getting help to do this
- learning living skills
- socializing
- having someone give support if there are problems
- a Caribbean club in the evenings (which is not just for people with learning difficulties)
- more social events in the evenings
- going on holiday with friends.

Dean said people did not know who were the providers and found it more difficult to say who might provide services.

Dean asked what time of day people wanted to do things. Most people were happy with day services but some said it would be good to be able to go later in the day. A lot of people wanted to do more things at the weekends. They talked about feeling bored and having to stay indoors.

A question was asked about whether people could have **more money** to do things. Dean said this would depend on people having an **assessment** done by the service.

Citizenship

Bernard Dattadeen said that interesting points had come from this workshop.

The group looked at rights and responsibilities like the need to obey laws like not dropping litter in the streets.

The second part of the workshop looked at things that people felt were important to them.



Citizenship workshop

11.00am - 12.00
Friday 12th June 2009

Woolwich YMCA
Antelope Road
Woolwich Dockyard, SE18 5QG

Taking part in your community
Your ideas how to do this

The workshop will be led by Bernard Dattadeen

Design: www.workingtogether.org

These were things like:

- having their own place
- voting
- healthy living
- college
- not being bullied.

The workshop looked at how people can take part more.

Ideas were:

- volunteering
- advocacy
- getting more information to be able to make choices
- taking part in different groups.

Bernard said people should get more involved with people who make decisions about people with learning disabilities. The Board could think about how this could be developed.

Partnership Board workshops

It was said that as people were having to think about difficult things in a one hour workshop, it would be good to have other workshops in between Partnership Boards meetings.

5 Olympics and Paralympics

Norma Welch is Policy Officer, Greenwich Unit for the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. She did a presentation.

The Greenwich web site has information about disability access. Volunteering is starting and interviews are being held. There will be the chance to take part in cultural activities.

The games have brought **new transport** into Greenwich borough like the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and a cycle route linking the venues.

The Olympics will bring money to Greenwich and will help people get jobs.



Voting



More information



Olympics



DLR

Young people are encouraged to take part and there will be a **Sportathon**. Greenwich is doing a lot of work for the Paralympics.

The Greenwich Inclusive and Active Forum wants people with disabilities to take part in activities leading up to the games.

It was agreed that these things would be done:

- Invite reps from the Partnership Board to the Sportathon event.
- Advise the **Sports Legacy Team** (who are part the 2012 Unit) to invite the Learning Partnership Disability Board reps to other related sports events.
- Ask the Sports Legacy Team to do a **presentation** about how people with learning disabilities can use disability sports facilities in the borough. Ask them what disability opportunities there in the lead up to 2012.
- Ask the Sports Legacy Team to run a **disability sports event** with running, shot putt and any other sports that can engage members of the Learning Disability Board.
- Advise the Team to invite **John Auld** and other people from the Learning Disability Board to the **Greenwich Inclusive and Active Forum** (GIAF).



Paralympics

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6 Greenwich Community College

Daniel Marchant talked about courses at Greenwich Community College: literacy, craft, cooking, music and art. The college will create a **learning plan** to meet each person's needs. Service users **Julian, James** and **Wendy** are on courses at the college and doing well.

To apply for a course starting in September, phone the college on **020 8488 4800**. You can speak to Daniel or get in touch through your **key worker**.

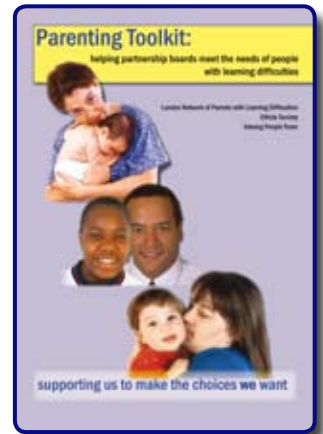


7 Working with Parents with Learning Disabilities

Vicky Tantony introduced the new **Parenting Toolkit**. This was made by parents with learning disabilities. It helps Partnership Boards check how well services are working with parents with learning disabilities.

The Toolkit was launched in May at City Hall. **James Bennett** brought a copy for the Board. **Eveline Small** worked on the toolkit and said that it had taken about 3 years to make.

It was suggested that there should be a **working group** to look at how the Board could work with the toolkit.



Parenting Toolkit

8 Welfare Benefits

Janet Elphainstone from the **Welfare Rights Advice Line** told the board about benefits and work. She talked about key questions when a service user who gets benefit finds a job, like: 'can you keep your benefits?' and 'who must you tell?'

People can get help and advice from: CLDT, Advice Agencies, or the Welfare Rights Advice Line **020 8317 4872**.

The team is small, and does not have a face to face service. A person at the meeting felt that this was an accessibility issue. However, **Mencap** provides face to face advice and they work closely with Welfare Benefits.

John Auld will talk about this with Care Managers. **Liz Hannah** will get in touch with **Janet Elphainstone**.



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9 Have your say

9.1 London Regional Forum Meeting

Some service users had been to the **National Forum meeting** on 28 May. The forum looks at what is happening in Learning Disability services and gives feedback. We need a rep for Greenwich for this. One of the workshops looked at **personalisation** and another at **advocacy**. These asked whether this service was working well and whether any groups were being left out.



Have your say

9.2 Learning Disability Awareness Week (22-28 June)

John Auld told the Board about plans for **Learning Disability Awareness week**. Service users were encouraged to take part in a **road show** in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Eltham Centre, Greenwich Community College and Asda.

There will be an **art exhibition and a display** at the Town Hall.



Learning Disability Awareness Week

9.3 Voice in Greenwich

Tommy Weller said that there will be an **open day** at Voice in Greenwich on **18 June 2009**.



10 Any other business

There was none.

11 Date of the next meeting

Friday 18 September 2009

10.45 am - 3.00 pm.

Next Meeting



**Friday
18 September
2009**

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