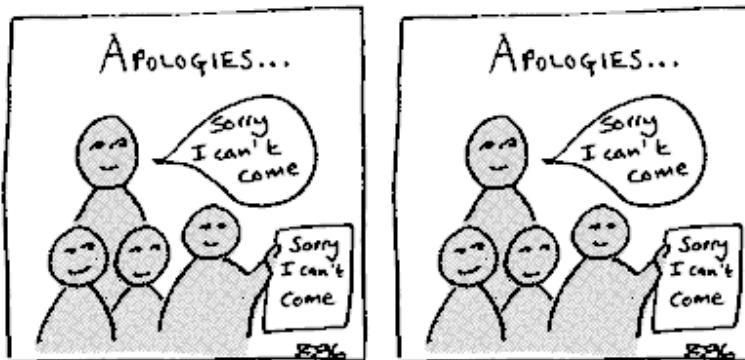


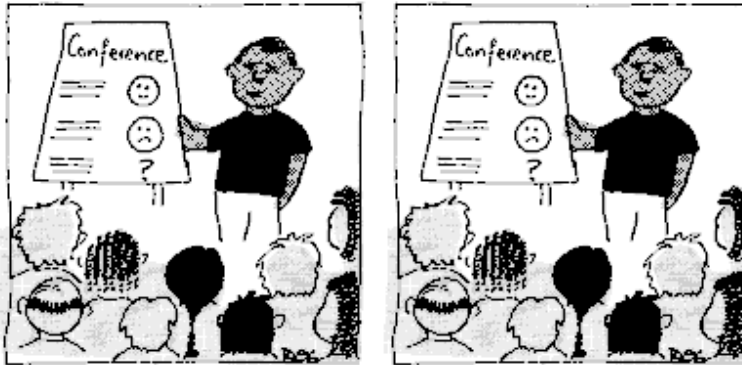
Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Notes 26th February 2007

Present: Jenny Collins (Bradford RSI Group), Rebecca Ward (Bradnet & Minutes), Neal Heard (BACC), Paul Anderson (Contact), Rachel O'Driscoll (Disabled Peoples Drop In), Joanna (Out there club)

Apologies: Mandy Lewis, Bruce Barnes, Mandy Lewis, Gill Bowskill, Jill Grant, Janet Cuff



Matters arising from last meeting:
No Matters arising



Steering Group Away Day

The away day is being held at the Cellar Project on the 8th March at 10.00am. Jim Ledgewick and Hazel Bone are facilitating the event.

A draft agenda has been forwarded to the group. Please can everyone check it over and get back to Neal if any amendments are needed.

Please can everyone let Neal know if they are attending.

The day is all about how the forum will work and how we will 'Strengthen the Voice' of Disabled People & Disability Groups in the district.

Logo / Website



Attia cannot attend the away day however she will provide Neal with more information –so that discussion will take place on the website development and the logo.

Membership



We need to decide how membership is going to work, how decisions are made,

issues raised and carried forward, what sort of constitution the group needs. This will also be discussed at the away day.

It is important people know who we are and what the group concentrates on. We need to use all resources we can in advertising the group.

Easier Access Event



Neal will contact Sue regarding what we will be doing on the day and let Paul know. Planning for this event is very important so we need to start putting together the information that will be used on the day.

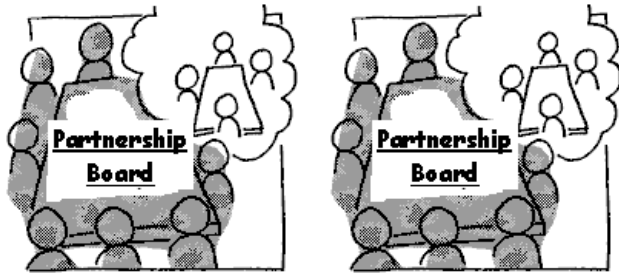
Equalities Forum

Any issues around the quality of service disabled people are receiving, access issues – particularly council services.

Please pass on to Janet Cuff so that she can raise them at the Equalities Forum.

Please contact Janet direct or via Neal.

Strategic Partnership Board



Discussion around the opportunities for participation that are around – It was felt that the structure of the different boards was complicated. For example –

- How does the Communities of Interest Group fit in?
- How does the Equalities Forum fit with the Strategic Partnership Board?

The Strategic Partnership board has established a number of working groups including –

- Positive contribution that disabled people and carers can make to the district. **Paul & Jill** will be going to this.
- Access to information. **Neal** will be going to this.
- A volunteer is needed to participate on a working group looking at tackling hate crime & discrimination.

AOB

- Rachael is Open College Network accredited to deliver disability awareness training.
- Contact volunteer Linda is involved in filming a documentary on the barriers disabled people face for Channel 4 in Florence!
- Please contact Neal if you want paper copies of the Easier Access or PCT Disability Equality Duty Meeting reports.

