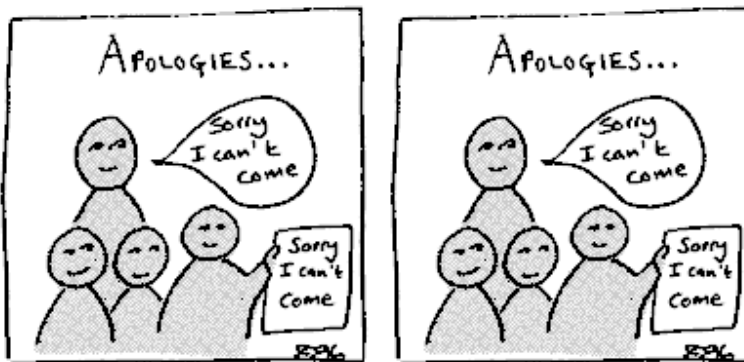


Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Notes 3rd May 2007

Present: Jenny Collins (Bradford RSI Group), Paul Anderson (Contact), Cath Stevenson (Workers Health Advice Team), Neal Heard (BACC & Minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Ward, Bruce Barnes, Jill Grant, Jagtar Bahra, John Anderson



Matters arising from last meeting:

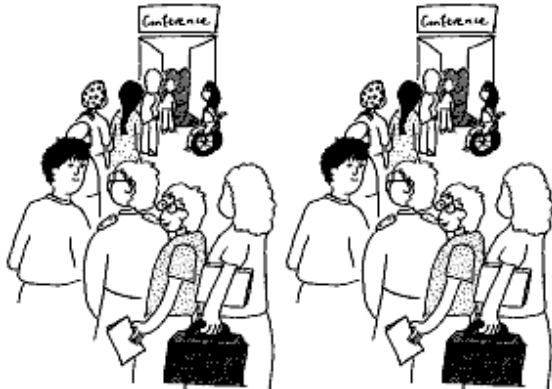
- Channel 4 show involving Contact volunteer was excellent. Paul to try & get hold of a copy for people to borrow.
- Neal to find out about Health Care Commission form & BACC – for raising issues

Website and Publicity



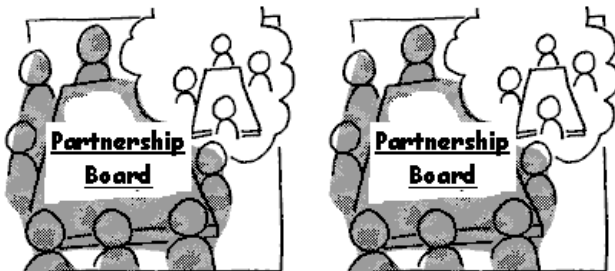
- Reminder to everyone to fill in questionnaire that has been distributed and to send Attia photographs – **this is now urgent!**
- Talked about leaflet & agreed design. Audio version will be available for Easier Access. Neal sorting out with 'Talking Magazines'
- Disabled Peoples Forum mobile phone number is 0780 759 3248. This number will be staffed Wednesday – Fridays. Talked about leaving a personalised message rather than general orange one. Neal to look into this.

Easier Access Event



- Paul to supply copies of presentation for sign language interpreters and to attend conference planning meeting on Wednesday 9th.
- Neal to write out flip charts for workshops.

Strategic Partnership Board



Paul reported back on the partnership board which took place yesterday (2nd May): -The 4 discussion groups are now called Action Groups—

- Hate Crime
- Housing & Adaptations

- Positive Images
- Access to information

5th group to be formed on employment.

- There are lots of ‘cross cutting’ issues – these are issues that affect more than one or all of the action groups.
- Jenny commented that it’s very important that senior managers keep attending partnership board. Good opportunity for disabled people to be involved.
- Blue Badge Consultation – Information on this was presented at the board.
- The partnership board will have a role in making recommendations on funding commissions next year.
- Agreed to ask Neville Rowland to attend a steering group meeting to talk about the sustainable community strategy.
- The forum is going to have an important role in feeding issues & views into the partnership board action groups. Also feeding back to people.

Membership



- Hopefully Easier Access will attract some new members.
- Paul to consider getting involved with Health Network – at least how forum can feed into this.

Disability Hub & Equality Forum

The Disability Hub agreed to the issues agreed at the last meeting going forward to the Equality Forum. These were: -

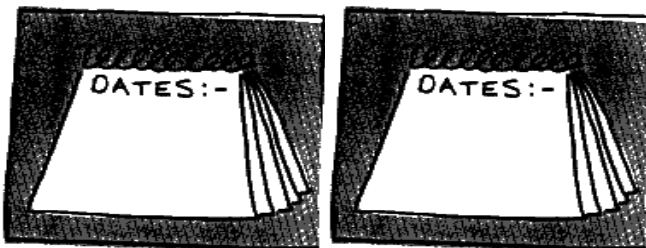
- Accessible taxis – the need for Disability Awareness training for drivers.
- Disability Awareness Training – should be disabled people driving this forward and delivering training for council employees.

- Other issues to be raised by the hub will include access to Bradford Theatres – and how this is an example of how services for disabled people are available but front line staff are not aware of these!

The next Equality Forum is taking place on May 15th 6.30pm at City Hall.

AOB

- It was agreed to hold the launch event for the website in late September at the Carlisle Business Centre.
- Neal & Paul to meet before the next meeting to take constitution forward.
- Paul to look into securing speaker for launch event.
- Neal to attend Keighley Disability Group drop in on May 9th.
- Next Meeting: -



Next Meeting: 10.00am Thursday 28th
June 2007 at the Out there Club,
Springfield Mills, Oakworth Road,
Keighley.