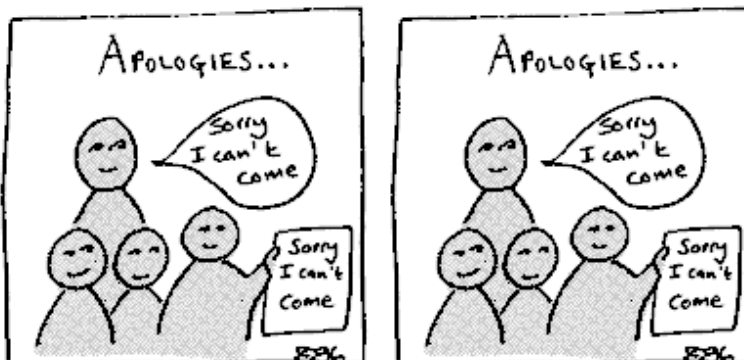


Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Notes 5th April 2007

Present: Jenny Collins (Bradford RSI Group), Paul Anderson (Contact), Jill Grant (Access Action), Cath Stevenson (Workers Health Advice Team), Jagtar Bahra, James Smith, John Anderson (OutThere Club), Neal Heard (BACC & Minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Ward, Bruce Barnes



Matters arising from last meeting:

- **Away-day:** Everyone felt this went very well. Thought that Hazel & Jim did a great job and organised a very accessible & easy to understand event. Neal to write and thank them

- Channel 4 show involving Contact volunteer will be shown at 8.30am on Sunday 15th April.

Website and Publicity



- Reminder to everyone to fill in questionnaire that has been distributed and to send Attia photographs.
- People looked at website mock up that Attia had provided. It was much better. For the future we should try and develop photos to use instead of drawings. Out There Club felt that photos were more accessible.
- Bradford People First is developing a series of images that they want to be

used across the district for accessible information. We may have to change the images on our site when these are produced.

- Neal to check with Attia that leaflet will be produced for Easier Access event. We will put leaflets on every seat at Easier Access. See also notes on Easier Access workshop.

Membership

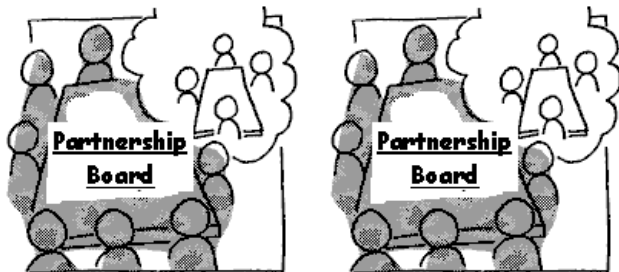


- As well as developing the website we need to consider producing a newsletter to reach groups & individuals who don't have access to a computer. We should produce articles to go in existing

newsletters about the forum once the website is launched. These will include:

- Disability Direct
 - Briefing Bradford
 - Able All's
 - BACC News
 - Cnet
- Rachael O'Driscoll is no longer able to attend the steering group.

Strategic Partnership Board Discussion Groups



There are 4 of these & all met recently –

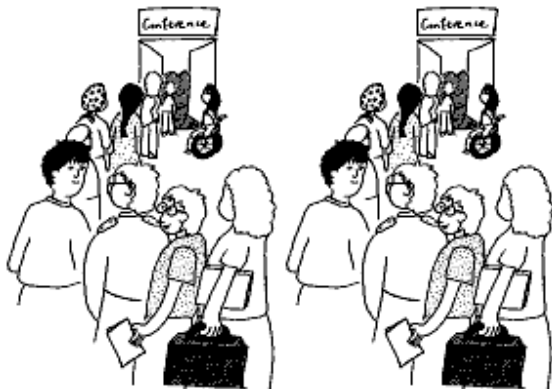
- Hate Crime – Jagtar & Paul attended this.
- Housing & Adaptations – Jill had to send apologies but will attend any future meetings.

- Positive Images – Paul, Jill & Neal
- Access to information – Neal

These were the 4 areas identified as priorities by the partnership board. Information and reports from the discussion groups to be circulated when received.

Linda (vice chair of Contact) is interested in joining the Hate Crime group.

Easier Access Event



- Social services have given us some outcomes they would like to see from the workshop (If anyone would like a copy of these please contact Neal).
- To produce A5 flyer about forum in time for Easier Access

- Agreed that we would need information leaflet about the forum in an audio form (Neal to contact 'Talking Magazines')
- Agreed that people taking part in the workshop would be asked to make a pledge to commit to the forum in some way e.g. join the steering group, publicise forum in their group, attend website launch event, send information from their group to the forum etc

Disability Hub & Equality Forum

Discussion around issues for the Equality Forum, the following issues to be passed on to Janet Cuff.

- Accessible taxis – the need for Disability Awareness training for drivers. In Manchester all taxi drivers (including private hire) have to take part in disability awareness training before they have a license.

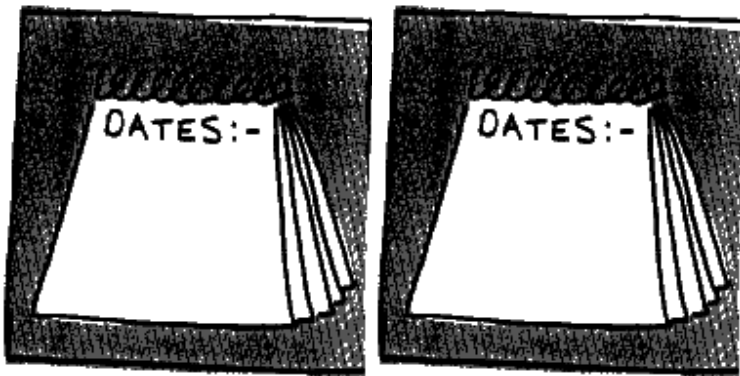
- Disability Awareness Training – should be disabled people driving this forward and delivering training for council employees. Several organisations could deliver on this including Out there Club, Access Action & Contact. Providing funding available.

AOB

- **Health Participation Event**

This was recently organised by BACC. Jenny wanted to know what happened to the forms that were supposed to be available to record contact details & issues for the Health Care Commission. Neal to find out. Jill has written to the Ramada Jarvis about access issues at the event will pass a copy to Phil at BACC.

- Office for Disability Issues is carrying out consultations with disabled people around what equality means for them – this has a mid May deadline. Available on –
www.officefordisability.gov.uk/consultations/
- Jenny sent a letter to Daryl Smith about design issues at Bowling Pool in 2005. Following this letter & issues raised at Easier Access Jenny invited to meeting with Council planners organised by Daryl. Although this was something of a holding meeting Jenny thought it was the start of real progress!



Next Meeting: 10.00am 3rd May 2007 at
Carlisle Business Centre room 71
(Contacts Room).

