

Bradford & District disabled people's forum

WEBSITE LAUNCH EVENT REPORT

Bradford and District Disabled People's Forum launched its website at an event that took place at the Carlisle Business Centre on the 20th September.



The day was attended by over 70 people from a wide range of groups. As well as having a chance to look at the new website there were a series of presentations: -

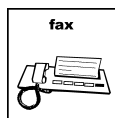


Paul Anderson from the Disabled People's Forum and Contact Peer Support talked about how the forum came about and that its main aim is to share issues, information and ideas creating a stronger voice for disabled people in the district. The website will hopefully be an important way of achieving this.

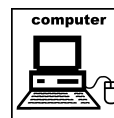
Nina Stansfield from the Regional Disability Rights Project talked about her role in helping to improve understanding of disability discrimination in order to encourage better take up of rights by disabled people. For further information Nina can be contacted at Kirklees Law Centre on :



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David McCormick spoke about how Equality 2025 has been set up to help support the government's pledge to achieve equality for all UK disabled citizens by 2025. Equality 2025 is committed to finding effective ways to increase the participation & involvement of disabled people, focuses on

working for the benefit of all disabled people including hard to reach groups and those who do not call themselves disabled. The group aims to advise government on policies that impact on disabled people and consult with disabled people for their views on issues that affect them.

Neville Roland talked about the Strategic Disability Partnership – this is a new partnership established last year in the district that is working to improve the lives of disabled people in the area. He highlighted how the Sustainable Community Strategy is the overall plan for the future of the district and disabled people are an important part of that future.



Among key issues highlighted by participants during the day were: -

- The need for key information around equality duties to be available in easy read and other accessible versions
- The importance of disability awareness training for the staff of public services.
- A range of ideas for developing the Disabled People's Forum and its website.

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