



What has happened since the last meeting?

This newsletter tells you a little bit about what has happened since the last meeting of the Strategic Disability Partnership Board on 15th April 2010.

It does not include things that are on the agenda of the next meeting on 15th July 2010

If you want to know more or have any questions please raise on the Issues Board at the meeting or speak to Sue Haddock.

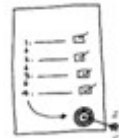
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1. Active Citizenship



Since our last meeting Bradford has hosted a return visit for the people from South Africa and Nigeria. Gill, Sue and Matloob had a very busy week. They arranged visits to several disability projects as part of the programme. People shared ideas and contact details – so it's watch this space for news.

2. What we have achieved



You should have all seen the document that brings together what the Strategic Disability Partnership Board and its supporters have successfully achieved from its last action plan. This is available on the Partnership website and has been sent to the partnership leads for other Partnerships.

<http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/BDP/Partnerships/Strategic+Disability+Partnership/>

It shows what a lot of excellent work everyone has done over the last 18 months.

We are hoping to agree our next Action Plan at the meeting in July

3. Sgt. Richard Horn - Good news!



At the February meeting we said Richard was not going to be doing the same job. The good news is he is now staying in his job and will therefore be able to keep working with us. We have been keeping him busy with the Hate Crime training for Police Officers and the Hate Crime campaign that is happening in July.

4. Mindful Employer and NHS Bradford and Airedale

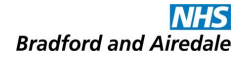


NHS Bradford and Airedale are meeting to see what they need to do so they can sign up to the Mindful Employer Charter. You can find out more about the Mindful Employer Charter by clicking on this link

<http://www.mindfulemployer.net/charter.html>

Lynne will keep us updated on progress

5. Disabled Staff Employed by NHS Bradford and Airedale



You may remember that Lynne told us that NHS Bradford and Airedale did not know how many disabled people worked for them. They are trying to change this. All staff who work for them have been asked to update their information on the electronic staff record. This includes data on disability. By the end of July they hope to be able to have a clear idea about how many disabled people work for the organisation.

6. Making the most of Partnership Boards



The publication we helped the Office of Disability Issues has been published. It is available online <http://www.odi.gov.uk/docs/wor/imp/psb.pdf>

7. Disability Awareness in Schools



At our last meeting, Peter, Linda and Trevor told us about the work they have been doing in schools

Since then Peter has written an article for the DisabledGo forum page. You can see this at

<http://forum.disabledgo.com/viewtopic.php?f=70&t=409>

Darryl is working on this and will report back at a later meeting.

8. Lorraine Cameron

Lorraine has done lots of work to make things better for disabled people in the Bradford Hospitals. We are sorry to learn she will be off work for about 8 months. However, she has handed over to Naz Hussain who will be filling in for her at SDP.

We wish her a speedy recovery and welcome Naz.

9. BIG Plan 2

Several members of the SDP board took part in a meeting with the Partnership team. We talked about things disabled people felt we might like the BIG Plan 2 to cover.

Members of SDP have also been invited to several evidence workshops. At least 3 members of the Board are attending each one.

The Access to Information Action Group have also agreed to help make sure that BIG Plan 2 is accessible. Gary Wood (a member of that group and who works in the council marketing department) is taking the lead on this.

10. Developing a Plan about Services

Phil has been working hard on the research to help Adult Services decide what services physically disabled people, Deaf and those with a sight or hearing loss want in Bradford. He has recruited 6 volunteers to act as researchers and workshop facilitators. They have received a training session from the University. By the time of our meeting in July, 3 open focus groups will have taken place and a session with disabled college students. Phil will also be running a workshop at Easier Access 2010 on services for disabled people in Bradford

11. Keilder Challenge event



Disabled People and officers from several different council departments visited Doncaster to observe how the Keilder challenge event worked. We did this by watching some teams from schools actually taking part in the challenges. We then had a go at the challenges ourselves. We worked in 3 mixed teams.

It was a great day and we all felt that it was something we could do in Bradford. We agreed we would first try it out at the Easier Access event 2010.

12. OUR Project – Refurbished Building opened



The OUR Project helps people affected by HIV and Aids.

They had a grant from the government to improve the place they work from.

The work was finished in May and the new improved building was opened on 17th May. The building is called the Richard Day building after Richard who used to come to the Partnership. He died exactly one year before the opening of the building. The new centre is now more accessible and has disabled

toilets.

13. St Georges Parade



The Involving Disabled Peoples group ensured a number of disabled people took part in the parade again.

14. Training for Interviewers



A group of disabled people helped 28 interviewers for the Bradford Survey think hard about how they could make sure disabled people were able to take part in the survey.