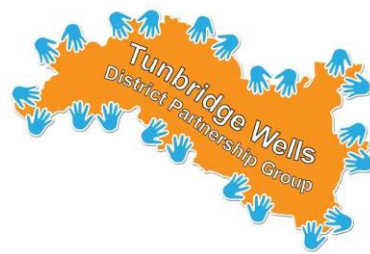




Speaking Up Group

"By people with learning disabilities for people with learning disabilities"



Minutes

14th September 2010



What happened?



Helen started the group off with telling the group where the fire exits, toilets where and what is going to happen. Then everyone went around the room as an ice breaker, introduced themselves and said either their favour food or their dream or last holiday.



Item 1 –

Why we are here and what do you want to get from this group?



Helen said to represent people with learning disabilities and hear their voice.

The group moved onto issues and thought brought up were:

- Difficulty reading and understanding the bus timetable. Also there is no bus timetable opposite 3 cooks shop on Monson Road.
- Pot holes in the pavement

- No lights in the tunnel at High Brooms station
- In Marks and Spencer's, the aisles are too narrow to get a wheelchair through.
- In the main Sainsbury's in Tunbridge Wells, the staff were rude because a person was taking too long with change. The group suggested a letter to manager.



Item 2 –

Meeting and venue:

- When?
- Where?
- What time is good for you to meet?



Ian told the group that we had to move venues and proposed St Philip's Church starting at 7pm.

23 people agreed with this



Item 3 –

People to volunteer to help Helen to organise and arrange these meetings.

Andrew offered to help Helen organise the meetings.

Vicky explained about having video minutes.

The group voted on videoing the meetings – 11 voted yes and 6 voted no.

For some people, giving consent is difficult

Vicky then explained how it is done and talk about a trip to the BBC. Those who want to go are:

- Kevin Edwards
- James Burt
- Katie Ball
- Sue Talior
- Paula Warway
- Trevor Starling
- Simon Jennar



Item 4 –
Break for 10 minutes



Item 5 –
Open discussion about concerns and issues important you, and what you would like to discuss at the next meeting.

Chris Perry took the wheelchair issue opposite blockbusters to the access group. We waiting to hear their response.

To deal with hate crime and possible involve the schools, the group (15 yes) want to watch the Hate Crime DVD at the next meeting.

Finally, a person brought this issue to the group:

“Somebody here came out of the day services to come home, there was a group of teenagers hanging around in a group. They were rude to him and made him feel unhappy.”

It was asked what we should do to stop this from happening?

We have to tell the police about this and at another meeting will all be about this kind of issue.

Next Meeting



Wednesday 20th October 2010

7pm – 8:30pm

St Philip's Church, Birken Road, Tunbridge Wells,
TN2 3TE