



Speaking Up Group

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



Minutes

17th November 2010



What happened?

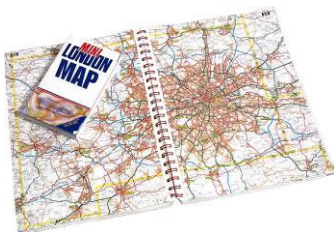


Helen started the group off with telling the group where the fire exits, toilets where and what is going to happen.

Then everyone introduced themselves.



There was a change to the agenda, we spent the time looking at the whole Speaking Up Group:



Please said it is difficult to find the church

Also there is a lack of information about there about the group.



For future reference, the group was told that the bus to get to church is No. 277. However this link is really bad, the drivers generally are not very nice. The group want to look at this further another time.



Instead of having to use public transport, is there the possibility of a mini bus driving around and picking people up?

The group want this looking into for costs etc. But our own transport would encourage people to come.



The other issue is the lack of staffing to support people to come to the Speaking Up Group. People mentioned that the cold weather could stop people coming to the group but there is nothing we can do about this.

As the group looked at earlier, the location is not the best. Other suggestions are:



- Camden Centre
- Christian Centre
- Library
- Trinity Theatre
- Pembury Village Hall
- Gateway

But the group noted that none of these were perfect either.

What about the time, could help with the bad weather and getting people to attend.



Both Tonbridge and Sevenoaks have their Speaking Up Groups in the early afternoon (2pm).

Someone suggested that maybe one month could be during the day and the next month in the evening.



The group has a good discussion but had a lot of questions unanswered so we created a questionnaire.



The questions are going to be based around:

- How easy is it to get to the church?
 - Is the lighting an issue at the church?
 - Is the day or evening better?
 - Is this location accessible enough?
- What would you like to see in the meeting?
 - Would you like something social after?
 - What would make you want to attend the group?
 - What puts you off coming to the group and why would you not come to the group?
 - When you came to the group, did you feel you were listened to?

Next Meeting



Wednesday 15th December 2010

7pm – 8:30pm

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