

Minutes of the LDP Employment Task Group
20th April 2010
Elders Street ,Scarborough

Present

Chair – David Keeton
Co Chair & Minutes – Angela Key
Lucy Muir – MD Hayshed Experience
Mick Mullett – Job Centre & Disability Employment Advisor
Avis Turner – Basics Plus
Lesley Dixon - Dalewood
Jane Jordan – Adult Learning
Sue Parsons – Cauwood/Supported Employment
Dennis Allen – S.U. Group
John Lawson –Operations Manager/Supported Employment
Rachel Jackson – Yorkshire Coast College
Elaine Constantine –Supported Employment

Apologies

Sue Revell

Agenda

1. Collating information –

John Lawson has been collating information. John said thank you to organisations that have provided information. Large increase in numbers doing voluntary opportunities – some were already doing but figures not collated – more accurate now. Job Centre - didn't hear back this time. Wilf Ward Family Trust – correlated with information from others e.g A&CS discussion/debate.

David Keeton thanked John for his work in collating the information.

Avis Turner - referred to Pathways to Employment – thinks it would be useful to split again those in paid work and those doing paid work and or sheltered/voluntary work etc.

JL could provide this info next time. Elaine– commented that we could also collate ones in employment that are no longer supported/others supported elsewhere or where no longer in employment.

Mick Mullett has started to collate from this point in time people known to Job Centre Plus with support but not known to us. Could pull together numbers not sure if there is any overlap with figures already collated.

Sue Revell – Pathways Providers could be asked if they could provide figures.

2. Valuing People - Aims & Targets

DK – Valuing Employment Now - required to provide brief report to community task group covering the following areas :

Sets picture and vision.

Government views for future.

DK highlight main points / Delivery plan.

Government no idea how many LD people in any form of paid work activity.

The areas to focus on from Valuing employment are:

1. Aim – to increase number in paid employment. Persuade they don't have to limit to 16 and least hours. Gov want to widen people's views.
2. Aim - to increase job coaching (found to be most successful)
3. Aim - to increase number in Public Sector 'Valued in Public' should be actively setting example.
4. People need to have local market information
5. Government suggest mixture of people team, buddying, mentoring.

Elaine suggested we break down how we take action to keep focussed on aims. - Employment Partnerships

John suggested that to draw up an Action Plan that we split into groups.

David to link with Elaine about this.

Summary

Trying to see what we need to do to get more job coaches and where.

Dennis Allen has explained about supported employment at the Speak Up Group - commented that it wasn't easy read.

3. Yorkshire Coast College

Rachel Jackson explained that Grimsby have taken over. Planned for September 2010. Foundation Learning Tier. More tailored to individual need. Steve Parsons is LDD Manager at Grimsby Institute of FE an HE

4. Adult Learning

Jane has found out from the focus group what people want to do. People with high support needs could do Adult Learning Courses. Communication with Steve Parsons - so as not to duplicate courses.

Rachel commented that detail should be known within 2 months. Run very well at Grimsby.

DK asked if there would be a course for people with complex needs.

Jane said the Adult Courses are 'Developing Communication Skills' and 'Getting Out and About'

DK said that that for students over 19 when start full time course at college will only get course fees paid for if on right combination of means tested benefits but this is probably going to change.

DA 'Vision to Learn' online courses charge for admin.

ASCENTIS website pre-entry courses working towards credits –

Adult/Supported Learning. Is symbolic on website. June is pre-enrolment for courses September.

6. Moving On Event – 29 April 10am -3 pm.

DK thanked people who had offered support. At Scarborough Rugby Club – pre-packed lunch – refreshments. Open to students, parents, professionals. Info careers/colleges.

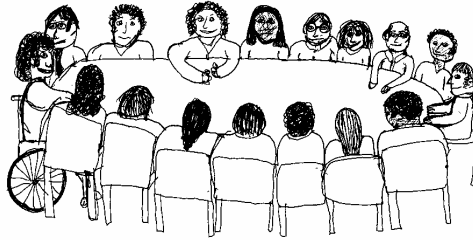
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1. Dennis has received a gift from Crown Spa hotel for long service 15 years.

2. Avis Turner update on developments at Betton Farm .
Purchase not problem and wants to move July.

3. Mick Mullett informed of 'Think Positive' short training course aimed at LD.
MM CV Job Search, Computer Skills at Enterprise Centre. Referrals via Mick Mullett at Job Centre Plus. 6 week course.

Next meeting – 8th June, 2010 at 1.30 pm at Elders Street



Learning Disability Partnership
Employment Task Group

Date : Tuesday 8 June 2010, 1.30 pm – 3 pm,

Venue: Elders Street, Scarborough

Agenda items

1 Introductions

Most of the meeting will be spent on starting to develop an action plan

- **See Appendix below**

2. Local supported work activity action plan

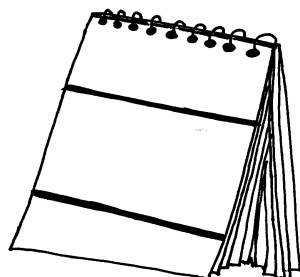
Groups to work on local plan and look at some of the points below:

- **How we can all contribute to the group**
- **What we have now**
- **Local providers who needs to be involved and what they can offer**
- **Long Term Goals-visions**
- **Referral systems**
- **What needs doing and deadlines**
- **Assigning tasks**

Initially we need to concentrate on a vision with long term goals but set some short term realistic targets

3 Other updates

4 AOB



APPENDIX

At the above meeting it would be worth working on a time line and re-focussing on what we are trying to achieve

It would be helpful if you could think about what you/your organisation views as your role in the group as this will be our starting point.

These are the headings we will be working on

Where we are now	
Whose on board	
What have we got already/Resources	
First Steps	
Main Dates -6 month target	
GOALS	e.g. increase number of people with learning disability in paid employment