

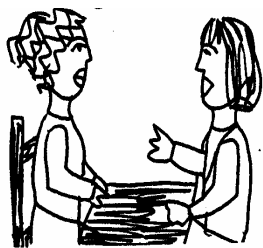
Minutes of the Day Services and Employment Task Group meeting held on 25th November 2008 1.30 pm at Basics Plus

Who was here

Stewart Finney – SUNNY
John Lawson – OM2 A&CS (Co chair)
Sue Parsons – Cauwood Day Centre
Pete Smith – Elders Street Day Centre
Rebecca Buckle – person who uses services
Elaine Constantine – Elders Street Day Centre
Ruth Collin – OM2 A&CS (Co chair)
Andrew Wright – Speak up rep
Helen Fortnum – Advocacy Alliance
Jane Jordan – Adult Education
Sue Mann – Scarborough Training Centre
Maureen Lindsay – Care Manager
Lesley Dixon – Dalewood
Niocola Owens – Speak up rep
Chris Jackson – carer
Greg Jackson – person who uses services
Brian Wood – Wilf Ward Supported Living

Who was not here

Avis Turner – Basics Plus
Pam Ryder – carer
David Keeton – Connexions (co-chair)



Things we talked about at the last meeting

a) Top Ideas from last time

Ruth reminded everyone to use the “Top ideas for working with carers”. Helen suggested that it be shared at the Partnership Board.

Action – Ruth and John to ask Anna to share with others

b) Meetings next year

John and Ruth suggested dates for the Task Group meetings next year. These are at the end of these notes.

We talked about where is a good place to have a meeting. Possible places are Elders Street, Basics Plus, STC, Scarborough Bowls or Falsgrave Community Centre. Agreed for Ruth and John to find a venue and tell people on the next agenda.

Action – Ruth and John to find a venue.

c) sending out information

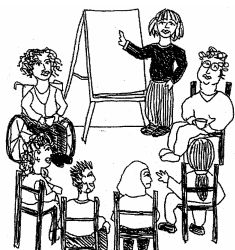
We talked about how Kathryn Holbrook could send out information. Everybody was asked to write down if they want the notes and agenda sent by post or e-mail.

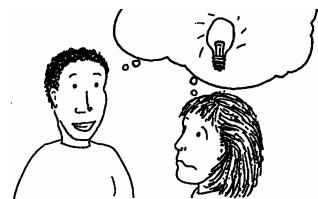
Action – John to pass list on to Kathryn.

d) Employment Task Group

Pete asked for details of the last Employment Task Group. As David is not here, Ruth agreed to arrange to be sent out.

Action- Ruth to arrange to send out.





Community Lives

Ruth and John talked about the idea of changing the name of the Task Group to “Community Lives.” As this was what Valuing People talked about. Ruth said Valuing People wanted people to have **Good Lives**, doing the things they wanted to do, and that people should have the chance to get a job and go to college. We talked about what we mean by Community and about changing the name. (The notes on this are at the end of the meeting notes.) We agree it is a good idea to change the name but the Task Group needs to do some more work on what we mean by the name and what we will do as a group.

Action – Ruth, John and David to plan this work.



How people spend their days and evenings

This was one of the parts of Valuing People now that we had said we should do some more work on. We did an exercise on what people do during the day and evenings and what could change to make it more like what Valuing People Now says. (The notes on this are at the end of the meeting notes.)

We talked about the changes that need to happen. Some of the changes are clear and simple, some of the changes are about the way people think and their attitudes. It was agreed that people would need support to make these changes.

We agreed that there was a lot of further work to be done at future meetings of the Task Group

Action – Ruth, John and David to plan how the Task Group can do this work

Question – Maureen asked a question about how people with high support needs have their views represented at the Task Group. **Action** – **this is something we all need to think about at future meetings.**



Date of next meetings in 2009

All meetings to start at 1.30 and finish at 3pm
Time for people to prepare for meetings from 1pm
Venues to be confirmed on agendas sent out before meetings.

Tuesday 20th January

Tuesday 17th March

Tuesday 19th May

Tuesday 14th July

Tuesday 15th September

Tuesday 17th November

As a whole group we talked about these two questions when we thought about changing the name of the Task Group.

What does the Community mean to you?

- Should be about inclusion
- There are communities within communities
- Group of people doing something together (and choosing to be involved)
- Belonging together
- Mixing with everybody
- Living and working together in the same area
- Being accepted and valued
- Partnerships and friendships and relationships

Why should the Task Group be called “Community Lives”

- Community Lives includes day services, employment and education
- Inclusion is the key word
- Need to help people not to feel isolated
- It is about developing community lives
- Need to look at what support people need

It also became clear that the Task Group need to have a clear focus on the work it should be doing, and this needed to be talked about at future meetings.

We worked in 3 groups thinking about what some people with a learning disability do now, and what needs to change in the future. The notes from the three groups are here.

Group 1

What we do now	What do we need to change
Volunteer work Mencap tea time service College Gardening Discos	Get paid for more hours Get a new job, but it is scary as like to be in comfort zone Work? Change the way people may think Try new things Help people not to be scared Sometimes change is good, and sometimes it may not work

Group 2

What we do now	What do we need to change
St Mary's luncheon club (voluntary work) Basics – paper collection, Gardening (sheltered work) Gateway – Tuesday Tea time club – (Tues, Thur, Fri) ESDC Club (Wed) Friday night club Bowls n buggies (Sat am) Swimming (alt Sat nights) Brookleigh disco (alt Sat nights) Drama – Thurs night April/Oct	Have option to change to seasonal work Chance to be paid for this Alternative venues with a bar More flexible timing for staff on Evening shifts so evenings can go on later. Better transport needed Look at times to do activities in smaller groups.

Group 3

What we do now	What do we need to change
<p>Go to disco at Elders St</p> <p>Drink wine</p> <p>Cayton vehicle transport</p> <p>Socialising with friends</p> <p>Voluntary work</p> <p>Church – bell ringing</p> <p>Meet friends</p> <p>Supported employment</p> <p>Go to theatre</p> <p>2 days Sheltered Work</p> <p>3 days STC – some activities in The Centre, education & kitchen</p> <p>Some outside – bingo & swimming</p> <p>Go out for bar meal</p>	<p>Use town discos</p> <p>Go to a pub</p> <p>Use bus or taxi</p> <p>Have support to contact friend by phone or e mail</p> <p>ensure individual choice</p> <p>support from staff for evening</p> <p>need some time to relax and do housework. Reduce travelling.</p> <p>Course for travel training</p> <p>Classes need to better advertised & more flexible approach to timing</p>