

Learning Disability Partnership Board

**What happened at our meeting on
Monday 18th August 2025**



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Who was there?

Sinead Harper - LDPB Co-Chair	Gavin Matthews - Expert by Experience, PACE
Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair	Nicolas Vella – Expert by Experience, PACE
Paul Tyrrell – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Leo – Expert by Experience, Camphill
Rosanna Gain – Inclusion Gloucestershire	John Russell - Head of the Healthy Lifestyles Service in Gloucestershire
Bee Clark – GOCR	Karin Parker – GHC
Simon Shorrick – GHC	Jenny - Expert by Experience, Camphill
Tamsin Morgan – Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum	Sophie Ayre – NHS Gloucestershire
Keely Tanner – The Department for Work and Pensions	Janet Hawkins – Camphill Village Trust
Olivia Earl – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Lara Gillman – GCC
Sammy Roberts – Inclusion Gloucestershire	Althia Lyn – GCC
Lucy White – Healthwatch Gloucestershire	Michael Steed – Brandon Trust
Christian Batten – The Department for Work and Pensions	Sue Walters – Family Carer
Latifa Ali - Forwards Employment Service, GCC	Deborah Livingstone – Independent Supporter
Alex Robins – Team Leader, PACE	Sarah Hocking – Prosperity Care

Ida Pöschel – Active Gloucestershire	Kayleigh – Treasure Seekers
Karen Williams – Treasure Seekers	Tanya Beres – GCC
Mo Attoh – Gloucestershire Carers Hub	

GCC means Gloucestershire County Council

GHC means Gloucestershire Health and Care Trust

GHT means Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

IHOT means Intensive Health Outreach Team

GOCRП means the Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire Community Rail Partnership

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What we talked about:



Sinead is the new co-chair of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Sinead introduced herself to the group.



Sinead then shared the meeting Ground Rules.



Our topic for the meeting was Transport

Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire Community Rail Partnership (GOCRCP)



Bee came to talk to the group about GOCRCP. Bee is the Access and Inclusion Program Lead.



GOCRCP support people to feel more confident to use public transport.



They do this by going on trips, running sessions about transport and travel training.



A group recently went to Weston Super Mare, spent time on the beach and had an ice cream.



They also work to make train stations more welcoming and give feedback to train companies.



The Travel Proficiency Certificate (TPC) is a qualification for people with learning disabilities to help them feel more confident using public transport.



Learn

GOCRCP make sure people can take what they have learnt and use it for other journeys.



People can put the TPC on their CV.



GOCRCP pay for the costs of the trips they do.



How can you get involved? You must be:



An organisation that works with people with disabilities.



And work within Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.



You can also get involved in a one-time workshop, trip or training session.



Bee's Presentation is attached to these notes.



You can contact Bee by email:
bee@gocrp.org.uk

Questions



Sinead asked if there is an age range.



Bee said there is no age limit.



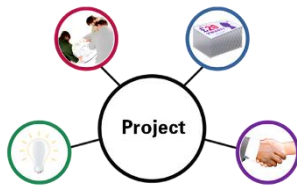
Simon asked if there is any joined up work with Inclusion Gloucestershire's Travel Training team.

Bee said they are working closely with the Inclusion Gloucestershire team.

They are both telling people about each other's projects.



By doing this they can help make sure there are no gaps in the help for people.



Simon asked what happens after the project?



Bee said they have 2 years funding for the GOCRCP project.



They are hoping to work with lots of people in the local community during this time.



They are sharing anonymous feedback with the people who gave them the money for the project.



GOCRCP hope there might be some more money for the project to carry on at the end of 2 years.



Simon asked if they have made any films about the project.



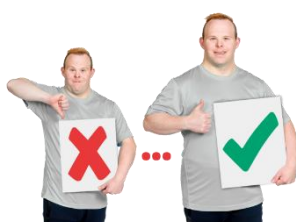
GOCRCP are doing some work with people who have assistance dogs. They are looking for extra money to help them with this.



Tamsin asked: have the staff of travel companies had disability awareness training?



Bee said GOCRCP have given feedback to Cross Country trains and other travel companies about this.



The Disability and Inclusion training for Cross Country trains is only 1 day. They are looking at how they can make this better.



Alex asked, for the trips, is there a size of group that works best?



Bee said a group of about 12 people is best.



Karen said the Lighthouse went on a trip with Bee to Westonbirt. She said it was fantastic.



There was so much learning that happened before the trip.



Sinead said we need to make people more aware of disabilities and being respectful when using public transport.

Respect is important.



Jan said that that was good timing as the next meeting will be about changing attitudes to disabilities.

Inclusion Gloucestershire's Travel Training Project

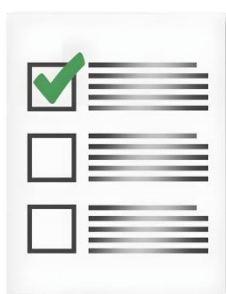


Olivia and Sammy introduced themselves and the rest of the team.

Olivia is the Project Coordinator.



Sammy is one of the Project Workers.



The service is for anyone over 18 who identifies as disabled and lives in Gloucestershire.



The project offers two types of help:

1. Travel Training – this is where a person learns to travel independently, with the help of a travel trainer.
2. Travel Companion Journeys – this is where someone learns to travel confidently with the support of another person.





The project wants to:



Increase independent travel



Reduce social isolation, due to transport being a problem.



Build people's confidence in using public transport and managing risks when traveling.



Help people feel able to travel to a health appointment or social event.

Travel Training



The goal is to become independent travelling a route.



Olivia explained the step-by-step process to becoming a Travel Trainee.

Olivia's presentation is attached to these notes.



They will plan and adapt the training for each person.

Companion Journey



This is for a one-off trip, for example, going to a doctor's appointment or social event.



People can use a companion journey to find out if they would like to go on to complete Travel Training.



The Trainer does not help during the event but will help with the return journey



We are hiring Travel Trainers
You need to identify as having a disability.

Questions

Jan asked if the Job Centre could help find people for this job.



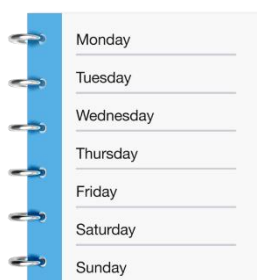
Sammy said they have linked up with the job centre already.



Keely explained people who are interested in the job are getting a taster of what it is like.



How long will someone have to wait once they have contacted the Travel Training team?



Olivia said, her aim, at the moment, is to contact people within 1 week.

Looking at the LDPB priorities



Sinead told the group the current LDPB priorities.



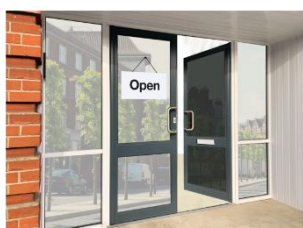
Jan mentioned other things that people had said were important, over the last 12 months.



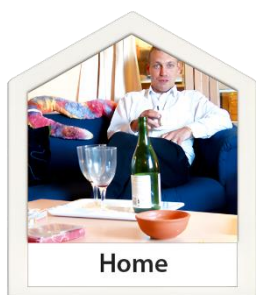
Each table wrote down the things that they felt were important.



Jenny told the group that she used to get support from Camphill.



The council have told her she now needs to go to the Coleford drop-in centre.



Jenny still lives at Camphill, but does not get help from them.

She has lots of friends at Camphill



Simon said it would be good to bring back the sub-groups of the LDPB.

Anything else to talk about and our next meeting



Tim is running some Table Tennis classes for people with learning disabilities.

A poster about this is attached to these notes.



Sophie asked, if you came to the Big Health Day, and are now doing something differently, please let her know.



Rosanna told the group about free workshops happening at the new Arts, Health and Wellbeing Centre in the autumn.

A poster about this is attached to these notes.

Our next in-person meeting will be on Monday 20th October



It will be at Treasure Seekers Hub,
Eastgate Street, Gloucester



