

Learning Disability Partnership Board

**What happened at our meeting on
Tuesday 28th March 2023**



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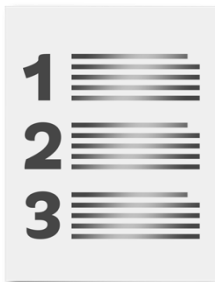
Who was there?

Tim Heaven - LDPB Co-Chair	Jan Marriott - LDPB Co-Chair
Nicola Shilton – GHC	Sara Hocking – Prosperity Care
Holly Beaman - Head of Integrated Commissioning for Learning and Physical Disabilities at GCC	Simon Shorrick - Strategic Health Facilitator for Learning Disabilities at GCC
Nicholas Baker – Expert by Experience from Inclusion Gloucestershire	Luke – Hub Broker Gloucestershire Employment and Skills Hub
Debbie Worrall – LDPB, Your Voice and Research Co-ordinator at Inclusion Gloucestershire	Emily Luckham – Health and Wellbeing Projects and Quality Checking Manager at Inclusion Gloucestershire
Tamsin Morgan – Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum	Emily Trigg - Positive Behaviour Support Team at GCC
Annie Baker – Learning Disability Partnership Board in Swindon	Paul Tyrrell – Health and Wellbeing Coordinator Inclusion Gloucestershire
Sue Walters – Family Carer	Denise Pittaway – Carer’s Hub
Jessie Hoskin – Barnwood Trust	Jackie Rowe – Community Projects Manager Inclusion Gloucestershire
Denise Medcroft - PACE	Lisa Lunn-Gadd – Enablement Team
Yvonne Smith - Family Carer	Ismail Ginwalla – Adult Education
Vicky Townsend – Integrated Commissioner NHS and GHC	Hayden Price – Expert by Experience Inclusion Gloucestershire
Simon Eddy – Nurse Practitioner GHC	Vincent Chomba – Expert by Experience
Kirsten Smart-Lloyd – Assistant Manager Gloucestershire Employment and Skills Hub	Brian Wilcox – Gig Buddies Coordinator Building Circles
Louise Waller - Building Circles	Megan Paul – You’re Welcome
Charlie Mitchell - Delivery Director at Inclusion Gloucestershire	

What we talked about:



Tim shared the ground rules for the meeting.



He also shared the 4 priorities for the partnership board. They are:



1. Making sure people have information that is easy to understand.



2. Better support for young people when they become adults.



3. Helping people to look after their money and benefits.



4. Helping people to get jobs and to start volunteering.

You said, we did:



A letter has been written to each of the Members of Parliament (MPs) in Gloucestershire.



The letter is to ask them to make Access To Work fairer for disabled people's organisations because they have to pay more money if their disabled employees get Access to Work.



The letter is at the back of these minutes.



We made a leaflet with the Kirsten from the Employment and Skills Hub about work and the support you can get with work.



This will be on the Learning Disability Partnership Board website.
<https://www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk/engagement/learning-disability-partnership-board/>

Barnwood Trust's work with employers



Jessie Hoskin talked about the work Barnwood Trust is doing to help employers have more disabled staff. It is called 'Empowered Employers'

<https://empoweredemployers.co.uk/>



They found out that there are less disabled people in work than other people and they earn less money than other people.



Disabled people cannot always do the jobs they want to. They do not often have jobs where they can make important decisions.



Barnwood Trust's project is to make employers better at employing disabled people.



The project involves disabled people and people with mental illness as experts.



They will have open learning where employers can learn about things like making adjustments and the social model of disability.



The disabled experts are recording a podcast about things that help them with work.



The project is working with commercial employers (ones who sell or make things) now and will look at public bodies like the NHS in the future.

If you want to find out more, email jessie.hoskin@barnwoodtrust.org

Gig Buddies at Building Circles



Brian Wilcox is the new Gig Buddies Coordinator at Building Circles.



He is a Gig Buddy volunteer and goes to gigs with a man in Bristol called Callum.



Gig Buddies started because people with learning disabilities in a band in Brighton had to leave gigs early when staff changed shift.

They started a campaign to be able to stay up late and Gig Buddies came out of that.



Gig Buddies pairs up a person who is over 18 with a learning disability or autism with a volunteer who will go to a gig with them.

Gig Buddies will try to match people who have the same taste in music and who live close together.



They will pay the volunteer £10 towards getting into the gig and 45p a mile for travel.



Brian is working with music venues to try to get them to give some free tickets for volunteers.

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It may be a few months before Gig Buddies will be able to work with people as the project has only just started.

Contact Brian on brian@buildingcircles.org.uk or phone 07861102102

Finding out about disabled people's worries



Inclusion Gloucestershire asked disabled people what worried them the most at the end of 2022.



They wrote a report and made a video about what they found out. The report is here:

<https://www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk/research-strategy-and-partnerships/>

and the video is here:

<https://youtu.be/3ZBA4MFHA8>



People were most worried about money and that everything now costs a lot more.



It can be expensive to be disabled if you have to buy things to make your life easier, so the cost of living increase is harder for disabled people.



Please contact Charlie
charliem@inclusion-glos.org if you have
any ideas for how to help make things
easier for disabled people or if you want
to talk about the research.

Getting ready for being an adult (transitions)



Vicky Townsend told us about what
happens to help a young person to be
ready to become an adult.



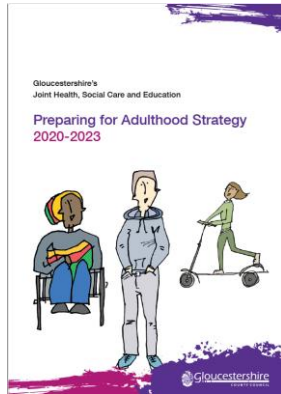
They want it to be a good experience for
young people and their families.



Young people can start to plan for being
an adult when they are 14.



They can plan for work, training, where they will live, being healthy and friendships.



Gloucestershire has a plan to help people with this called a 'Preparing for adulthood' strategy.



Emily said that parents said there are too many professionals involved.

People said it got complicated.



Vicky said that they are trying to make education and health care plans better and happen quicker by having more staff working on them.



Tamsin said young people might feel not very confident about saying what they want when they are becoming an adult. She said colleges are supporting people well.



Vicky said that a leaflet is being made which tells families about the support young people can have with becoming an adult.



Jan said that it might be good to have someone to speak up for people who are getting ready to become an adult.



Hayden said transition was a stressful time for him and he needed to know what was happening and when.



Building Circles said that they are working with colleges supporting students who are over 16.

Learning Disability Week 2023



Learning Disability week is on the 19 – 25 June this year. The theme is ‘living with a learning disability’.



Simon Shorricks would like people to work together to share the things they are doing for learning disability week.

This could be shared with Mencap who run the campaign



Emily said one idea could be for services to have an open event where people can visit and find out what they do.



Simon Eddy said he would like to share all of the work that people are doing with professionals in the NHS.



Megan from You're Welcome and Louise from Building Circles said they would like to be involved.



Debbie said that the Your Voice team are releasing a podcast. They could record a special episode celebrating living life with a learning disability.

Actions

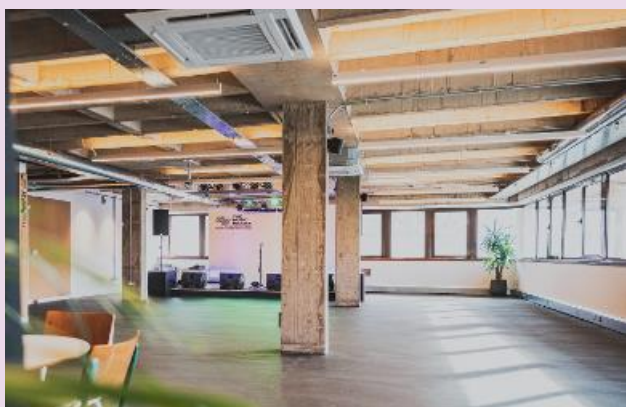


Simon Shorrick will arrange a meeting for people to plan Learning Disability week events.



The partnership board will work with Vicky Townsend and Tamsin Morgan to plan the next meeting to look at transitions in more detail.

Next meeting:



Is at the Music Works, 2nd Floor, Kings House, on Tuesday May 23rd from 11am to 1pm.