



Inclusion North Bulletin

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In this bulletin you will hear about some of the work Inclusion North is doing.



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Work we have been doing and our members can still get involved in



Seen, Valued, Heard

Many people with learning disabilities have experienced harassment and hate crime.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission asked lots of people to tell them how organisations should work together to support victims of crime and disability harassment.

They have written a report called 'Out in the Open' which talks about how to make things better for people.

This project is supporting organisations to help make the recommendations in 'Out in the Open' happen.



The main aims are to:

- Make sure people with learning disabilities can take action about crime or harassment
- Make sure that victims have access to the right support
- Help organisations have good ways of sharing information
- Help organisations share learning

We have already worked with people in the Cleveland area and are now starting to plan with:

- Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioners office
- West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioners office
- Humberside Police and Crime Commissioners office

Safe Place Schemes

Inclusion North is has helped some people make Safe Places happen they live.



We are working with the Yorkshire and Humber Talking Travel group in partnership with Metro to develop the schemes with the police and crime commissioners across the region.

Inclusion North will host a Safe Place Scheme network and a Talking Travel network

We have also supported the Safe Place Scheme across Tees. We think it is a really good way of working. This is how it works in Tees:



- The police will make sure that schemes are up and running and have what they need
- Community safety partnerships will talk to places that are and want to be part of the scheme
- Social Care will help give people cards

Inclusion North will then talk to people and check how the scheme is working and work out the best way forward.



Advocacy

We have done work on how advocacy works for and with people and good ways of buying advocacy.

You can catch up with our Advocacy work here:

<http://inclusionnorth.org/projects/what-we-are-doing-now/advocacy-project/>

Some work is carrying on or you can get involved by working with us in your area



Family Carers' Networks

Inclusion North supports 2 families network in Yorkshire/Humber and in the North East.

The networks are linked to the National Valuing Families Forum that is part of the National Learning Disability Programme Board



The networks:

Share - with families, workers and statutory services, positive and negative experiences of families; local and national information about policies and legislation, good practice, problem solving, working to make change happen

Empower family carers to lobby influential people, organisations and local media and to influence local decision-making

Promote mutual support by working closely with each other, sharing views and exchanging ideas

Spread knowledge and build confidence by communicating information to other people, networking and learning together.

The networks are open to any family members of children, young people or adults with Learning Disabilities. Find out more at

<http://inclusionnorth.org/projects/what-we-are-doing-now/families-networks-in-yorkshire-humber-and-the-north-east/>



Local Area Coordination Network



Inclusion North has supported Local Authorities & Health colleagues to learn about & try out Local Area Coordination (LAC) since 2009 & last November we hosted a workshop (in partnership with Inclusive Neighbourhoods) with Eddie Bartnik, from Australia. The workshop brought together leaders from areas that are doing LAC, or about to start.

We are now working with the partners to develop a LAC network that will support areas connect, share practice & develop LAC

Local Area Coordination is a way of working that helps people to build community-based, flexible support systems not just services.

You can find out more about LAC & the LAC network at

<http://inclusiveneighbourhoods.co.uk/>



Support for Members

Chair person training

We can offer training sessions that help self advocates to:

- Understand the role of chair person
- Learn some practical skills to be great chairs

If you feel this would be of benefit to people in your area please give us a call to arrange a session

Working out Personalisation and Personal Budgets together

Inclusion North is offering to support its member areas to review how Personalisation & Personal Budgets are working for them and local people and how they can change the conversation to make it work better for everyone.



The aim would be

- To establish a shared understand of what is working or not working in the practical implementation
- Increase confidence and understanding amongst practitioners, people & families in the local practice
- Identify solutions to challenges and changes or tools that will improve the implementation – outcomes for individuals & the efficiency of the process

This offer is open to any Inclusion North member areas. It is part of the work plan so does not use any of the local resource or vouchers from members subscription

We will design & agree exactly how we do this work with each area based on local structures and priorities.



For more information about this contact the office on
0113 262 6409

What is coming up next

North East Learning Disability Partnership Board



The next meeting of the North East Learning Disability Partnership is on 21st March.

In December a new co-chair, Jodie Williams, was elected by the North East forum.

Jodie has written about what it means to her to be co-chair of the Partnership Board

My New Job as Co-Chair – by Jodie Williams:

"I went for co-chair of the North East Partnership Board in Middlesbrough. I had to prepare a 5 minute presentation on why I should be co-chair



We all had to read our presentation out I felt nervous but confident. Then was the vote which was scary waiting to find out if I got the position. Then Dave Norman said congratulations Jodie.

I am really proud of getting the job and look forward to working with Sharon.



I look forward to the new challenge that waits me and hope to make a difference to the board and make sure people with disability are listened to and are heard."

Here is some more information about our work with the North East Partnership Board

<http://inclusionnorth.org/projects/what-we-are-doing-now/north-east-learning-disability-partnership/>



Yorkshire and Humber Family Carers network

This meeting will be held on 27th February at the Folk Hall near York.

If you would like to attend this meeting but have not had any information about it please call the office on:

0113 2626409

Or email

Claire@inclusionnorth.org





Yorkshire and Humber Lead Officers

This group will be meeting on 28th February in Barnsley.

Space is limited at this meeting so if you would like to attend please make sure you let us know that you are coming.



South Tees Provider Forum

Inclusion North is supporting a provider forum across Redcar and Middlesbrough. The forum is for organisations that directly support people with learning disabilities or want to get better at doing this.

In 2014 the forum will be working on:

- Personalisation- In particular Self Directed Support
- Individual Service Design and Individual Service Funds
- Mental Capacity Act Master Class
- Co-production and Asset Based Approaches

The next meeting of the South Tees Provider Forum will be on 5th March.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



North East Family Carers network

The North East Family Carers group will meet on 6th March.

If you plan to attend this please don't forget to let us know.

You can call the office on

0113 262 6409

Or email

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Yorkshire & Humber Leadership Group

The Yorkshire and Humber Leadership group is a meeting that brings together people with Learning Disabilities, family members, workers in Councils, Health services and support providers or community groups.

The group works on big issues that are affecting everyone to share good ways of working and ideas.

Inclusion North organises this on behalf of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services

The last meeting was in December 2013 - we worked on the joint Self Assessment process and sharing what networks or groups exist:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/202492205/YH-Networks-Map>



The next meeting is 17th March. We will send out more information soon but you can find out about the work so far at:

<http://inclusionnorth.org/projects/what-we-are-doing-now/yorkshire-humber-leadership-group/>

Being a member or other ways to work with us

If you are not sure if your area is a member of Inclusion North or you want to find out how to sign up or other ways to work with us please get in touch.

Local areas are members most of the time – that means Social Care or Health services join so everyone in the area can get involved.

We work with people in other ways too

If you want to find out more get in touch with Sam

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