



Inclusion North Bulletin



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This Bulletin has lots of information about important work happening across our areas and the country.

You can find out more details about all our different events or offers to our members by visiting our website at:



www.inclusionnorth.org

Or by phoning us on 0113 2626409



There is still time to have your say on Inclusion North!

Remember you can still have your say by answering the 7 short questions by clicking on the online survey below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKWWZR9>



We will be collecting all your responses on **Friday 11th November** so please make sure you tell us what you think.



Paradigm and Housing Options Nationwide workshops in 2011 & 2012



Paradigm and Housing Options are pleased to announce they are currently working in partnership with Housing Options to bring you a series of nationwide workshops designed to allow delegates to share knowledge and information.

Their commitment is to find ways of bringing people together, to generate energy and skills exchange to ensure people with learning disabilities and others are supported to achieve greater control over all aspects of their lives.



Workshops are in various locations around the country and all ONLY £65! However, places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more details click on the link below:



[www.paradigm-uk.org/articles/
Housing_Options_and_Paradigm_workshops/2960/28.aspx](http://www.paradigm-uk.org/articles/Housing_Options_and_Paradigm_workshops/2960/28.aspx)



Durham Parliament at the NHS Outcomes Competition

Members of the Durham Learning Disability service users Parliament joined up with the Improving Health and Lives Learning Disabilities Public Health Observatory in a visit to London to talk about scoring how well the NHS looks after people with Learning Disabilities.



In the summer, secretary of State Andrew Lansley, invited suggestions for measures of how well the Health services are doing in a number of important areas. One area was the health and life expectancy of people with learning disabilities



Helen Smith and Brian Devine, who are both locally elected members of the Durham Parliament, and Julia Smith, one of their supporters who has a learning disability herself along with Brian Smith from the County Durham Learning Disability Partnership Board, joined professor Gyles Glover from the Observatory in suggesting four measures the NHS could use. The ideas came from consultations between parliament members and service users in their localities and from discussion with the Observatory

Reaching and Supporting Diverse Communities



An updated version of Reaching and Supporting Diverse Communities: a guide to meeting the needs of people with learning disabilities and family carers from newly arrived, Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic (BME) communities, is now available to download free from:

http://www.hft.org.uk/Family_Carer_Support/BME_Resource_Guide

Version 2 of the guide contains updated information and links reflecting changes in current legislation and practice.

Association of Supported Living



The Association of Supported Living have written a short report that gives examples of how people with learning disabilities can live in different kinds of supported living instead of hospitals or specialist places. The report says people have better lives with the right kind of support and it can cost less.

You can read the report at:

http://www.a-s-l.org.uk/news.cfm/page_id/89/category_id/3



The Future of Personal Independence Payment

A group of big organisations that work with or represent disabled people have written a report about Personal Independence Payments.

Personal Independence Payment is the name of the new benefit the government plan to replace Disability Living allowance with.

This report says why those organisations think the government's plans are unfair.



More information on Plans to set up HealthWatch

HealthWatch will take over from local involvement networks or LINKs.

HealthWatch starts in October 2012, as long as the new Health and Social Care law is passed.



There will be a HealthWatch England and local HealthWatch in every area. Their job will be to make sure people's views are included in planning and running health and social care services.



You can read about HealthWatch's job & how it is being set up at:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/public/about-us/partnerships-other-organisations/healthwatch>

There is an easy read version as well as the full one.



CHANGE to empower children with learning disabilities across Europe

Lumos, the children's charity founded by JK Rowling that works to end the institutionalisation of children across Central

and Eastern Europe, is funding Leeds-based human rights organisation, CHANGE to implement a two-year project, which aims to improve the lives of children with learning disabilities across Europe, many of whom currently live in institutions or are unable to access the health and education services they need.



From September 2011 CHANGE will be working on a number of initiatives, including: easy to read, accessible publications, such as a book for children with learning disabilities to prepare them for moving out of institutions and into families; training for civil society organisations on planning services for children with learning disabilities and support for parents; training for key decision makers in a number of countries in Europe and the establishment of an international youth council in which children with learning disabilities will be empowered to participate and have a real voice in changing health, education and social protection systems.

SHOUT-ABOUT!



At MiXiT and Moveable Feast we have been inundated with information and protests about the Government cut backs and other important issues, so we have taken the opportunity to launch our SHOUT-ABOUT project.



SHOUT-ABOUT will give a voice to people who want to say something about how they feel, whether its SHOUTING - ABOUT good or bad things that affect us. SHOUT-ABOUT will give you a voice.

So have you got something you want to SHOUT-ABOUT?
If so get in touch and we will tell you more.

NEW! NEW! NEW! Ask us about our SHOUT-ABOUT project. MiXiT will work with you and help you perfect your own

SHOUT-ABOUT idea! We will film your story or idea, post it on Youtube and give you a completed DVD to share.



All contact details are below. Don't delay- contact us today.

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2012 "Creative Communication" training dates are now available to book!

The day aims to bring to the attention of the delegates the ideas, theories and practical skills needed to use Creative Communication when working with, working for or interacting with people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). Following the training session delegates should be able to demonstrate and apply alternative and creative methods of communication in order to allow effective communication with people with PMLD.

For more information, dates, locations, prices and how to book please visit <http://www.can-communicate.co.uk/id11.html>



Involve me

Practical guide

How to involve people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) in decision-making and consultation



C.A.N Communicate recently facilitated "Creative Communication" as part of Involve Me - "The Involve Me resource aims to increase the involvement of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) in decision making and consultation. See more at

<http://www.mencap.org.uk/what-we-do/our-projects/involve-me/creative-approaches>

If you would like any information on any of our meetings, training or sessions you can contact the office on:



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