



# Rutland Learning Disability Partnership Board Notes of Meeting held on 14 December 2016

**Present – who came to the meeting**

Tammy Thurley	RCC – Chair
Kyeann Cook	Self Advocate – Co Chair
Andre Dixon	RCC – Note Taker
Jackie Winterton	RCC
Abbey Rowley	Self Advocate
Rory O’Neill	Self Advocate
Joshua Darlington	Self Advocate
Yasmeen Abdul-Rahim	Rutland Youth Forum
Alex Davies-Powell	RCC
Caroline Abdul-Rahim	Rutland Family Support Centre
Jacqui Darlington	Healthwatch/Carers UK
Tom Davies	Leicester Prince’s Trust
Peter Colley	Leicester Prince’s Trust
Alex George	Leicester Prince’s Trust
Paul Marriott	Leicester Prince’s Trust
Chayne Adcock	The Lodge Trust
David Whitmarsh	The Lodge Trust
Sarah Maley	The Lodge Trust
Rosemary Livingstone	Self Advocate
Helen Statham	RCC



**1. Introductions and welcome**

Tammy introduced herself and explained she was standing in for Lorraine today who was unable to attend the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tammy introduced Kyeann, Self Advocate and Co-Chair for the meeting. Everyone in turn said their name and where they came from.



**2. Apologies – who could not come to the meeting**

Cheryl Bosworth, Darren Goddard, Sophie Hobby, Jane Parr, Karen Evans, Farai Kapswara, Lorraine Tarratt



The presentations below can be found on this link:  
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**3. Making sure we understand what is said**

Kyeann told everyone that it is important to use words that are easy to understand. She reminded people to use the yellow or red cards if they wanted to say something or if they do not understand.





#### 4. What was said at the last meeting

We looked at the notes from the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Everyone agreed that this is what was said. Chayne asked why there was not a symbol on the red cards to say 'I do not understand what is being said'. This will be done for the next meeting in January.



**5. Updates** – unfortunately there were no updates from Employment, Autism Partnership Board and Better Health Group at this meeting but we will be updated January 2017.



#### 6. Presentation: Prince's Trust – Talent Match

Paul Marriott, Chairman of Talent Match, introduced himself and spoke about the history of the Prince's Trust which was formed in 1976 by HRH The Prince of Wales. The Talent Match programme in Leicester & Leicestershire is one of 20 across the UK and is for young adults aged 18 to 24 who have been unemployed for 12 months or more. Talent Match can help people in this group who have great difficulties in getting back into work and want to move forward. So far 642 young people in Leicester and Leicestershire have been helped – the programme is funded by the National Lottery.

Alex George and Peter Colley then introduced themselves and talked about how the programme works. The Talent Match team work with young people with hidden conditions and learning disabilities to try to match them with employers. They help the employers to become more familiar with various conditions they may consider to be 'invisible'. They told us how they ran a pop up shop at the Leicester Business Festival which went very well.

Paul then invited questions from the Partnership Board members present. Jackie Winterton asked if words such as 'learning difficulties/disabilities' could be changed for employers. Peter agreed these words did often hinder the situation. Paul added that often not every disability is visible and young people may have hidden talents that need to be found with help and support.

Caroline asked how the Prince's Trust is different to other young person's educational or training programmes. Paul explained that they work closely with local colleges, referring young people to the colleges and getting referrals from them.

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Tea/Coffee break – thank you Rutwel for the lovely mince pies and cake!

Rutwel run the Museum Café in Oakham every **Friday** 11.30am to 1.30pm and **Wednesday**, 10am to 12noon

## **7. Presentation – Rutland Rotaract Family Centre – Caroline Abdul-Rahim**



Caroline talked to us about the Rutland Family Centre which is for children and young people with special needs or disabilities up to the age of 25. Her presentation included photos of the activities they take part in such as swimming, horse riding, choir, drop in sessions, film club etc

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## **8. Presentation: Rutland Disabled Youth Forum – Yasmeen Abdul-Rahim**



Yasmeen told us about the Rutland Disabled Youth Forum which is for young people aged 14 to 25. It gives young people advice about the services/facilities and accessibility in and around Rutland. Yasmeen is the Forum Leader and she is helped by Hana and Nicole who are volunteers as well as Lesley, Head Chef and Laura who is a facilitator. The Forum started last January and they have achieved a great deal since then.

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## **9. Any Other Business.**

Design a Poster Competition to make people more aware of the Partnership Board and what it does. No one had brought any designs to this meeting so it was decided to postpone the results until the January 2017 meeting.

Jacqui and Caroline told us about the Choice Unlimited Event which was held in Rutland in October. It was the first time this event had been held in Rutland. It was quite well attended by members of the older generation but not many service users came along. We hope to run the event again next year – on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – put it on your calendar!

Sarah told us about the Craft Event that was held at The Lodge Trust in November. They raised £7000 which is an amazing amount of money for one event.

10. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Thank you all for coming and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!