

	 Connect in the North Being Social Task Group Thursday 29th July 2021
	The people who came • Sarah Wheatley – Connect in the North • Kenny Hendy – co Chair • Lynn Bailey – Baff & Carers Reference Group • Sally Jude – People Matters • Tim Snell – Aspire CBS • Jez Coram
	Apologies • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North • Sherieda Joseph – People in Action Ian Pickard – Aspire CBS • Peter Stanley – Aspire CBS • Jackie Hartley – Family Carer • Alison Barr – Aspire CBS • Andrew Garrick
	Introductions Jez introduced himself to the group.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct.
	Actions from the last meeting. Bereavement Sarah is trying to get funding to run 6 sessions about grief for people with learning disabilities. Lynne said that it was important to deliver some training for family carers as well.

Action – Sarah is going to add a session for family carers into the bid.

Lynn is working with Lippy People and other organisations to make some films about bereavement. Some of the films could be used in Bereavement training.

Aspire CBS are organising a memorial day for people who have died. This will happen in October.

Bus Travel

Leeds has many road works and bus route changes. This has made independent travel very difficult. Kenny said that the Travel Task Group are creating maps of the new routes. David has sent Kenny a lot of information

Action: Kenny is going to pass on the information to Sarah to circulate with the group.

Lateral Flow Tests

Vicky has made a video about how to take a lateral flow test which can be shared
<https://youtu.be/P0x7v6D3iak>

The easing of restrictions

Kenny talked about travelling with support. People who would have travelled by themselves might need someone with them until they feel safe again.

Employment Task Group

Jez shared some of the reasons that people with learning disabilities haven't been able to go back to work. Some organisations had done risk assessments and decided that the risk was too high. Some people's support providers decided the risk too high. Things are improving. The Bridge Café is open. Staff at the Beklin Café are still paid.



Bee Together

Jez fed back about the work that Bee Together did and shared their findings.

They are looking at ways that they can go forward with the work, now the project has come to a close.

The Being Social Task Group suggested -

- Sending the Being Social handbook sent to all the libraries once it's been updated
- Learning disability Awareness to be offered to the Neighbourhood Networks and Community Hubs
- Neighbourhood Networks creating films for doctors surgeries and libraries of what's going on in people's local areas
- Someone from the ALaDDIN group offering the networks training in filming and editing
- Sharing the Community Mapping which has been done by the Neighbourhood Networks with Through the Maze

Action – Jez to share the offer of learning disability training to the Neighbourhood Networks and the Community Hubs

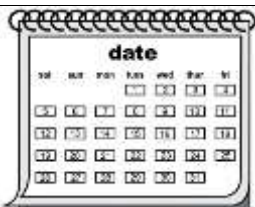
Action – Jez to ask about editing and filming training at the ALaDDin meeting.

Action – Lynn to update the Beeston Community Map when things open up again and share it with Through the Maze

Action – Sarah to work with Through the Maze to update the Being Social handbook.

Lynn share that the Beeston Community Centre is COVID compliant.



	Groups are slowly starting back up again. The Thursday group at Beeson Park is very popular. The market is going to start on 31st July. The Carers Reference Group has had 2 face to face meetings in June.
	People Matters have been running sessions in person. They are still offering sessions online for people who want it.
	Anything else to talk about? Kenny would have liked more Art in Learning Disability Week. Next year an Art Exhibition would be good. Tim shared the Waterfront Festival happening on 13th August. Tim said there was a lack of political movement for people with learning disabilities in Leeds. this was agreed. Sarah shared an event that Asking You and Connect in the North are running for UK Parliament Week.
	Date and time of next meetings – Thursday 1.30pm→ 3.00pm Thursday 16th September