



Leeds Learning Disability Employment Task Group Meeting 13th July 2021



Name of group: Employment Task Group

Date: 12th July 2021 10am - 12pm - Zoom

Attendees:

- **Ann Wilson, Eddie Martin - SLATE**
- **James Turner, Claire Anderson - Leeds City Council**
- **Susan Passmore - Department for Work and Pensions**
- **Julie Sinclair - Leeds City College**
- **Katie Partlett, Sally-Anne Greenfield - Lighthouse Futures Trust**
- **Laura Stott - United Response**
- **Luke Beaumont, Madeleine Fahy - Connect In The North**
- **Mick Whitehead - Scope**
- **Sally Jude - Peoples Matters**

	● Helen Whitlam - Leonard Cheshire ● Natalie Dara - Specialist Autism Services ● Shahed Molvi - Leeds Community Foundation ● Kelly Bishop, Jez Coram - Forum Central
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action plan  Action Tracker		
What?	Action	Who:
Leonard Cheshire group	● Put the details of Leonard Cheshire's befriending scheme on the Being Employed Leeds website.	Luke and Helen
Disability Confident Scheme	● The Employer Engagement Subgroup will approach organisations to try get them on the scheme ● Bring someone involved in the scheme to the next meeting	Katie and Sue

Employer Engagement Forum	• Need to make the group have a clear identity in order to get more Employers involved.	Katie
Employment Training Survey	• Get the emails of organisations we know that do employment training and send them the survey.	Sally, Jez
Being Employed Leeds Website	• Spread the word about the website!	Everyone
Employment Task Group Coordinators	• Plan to hire two coordinators for the Employment Task Group to help out.	
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What We Discussed

- Leonard Chesire is a group that support people with disabilities. They do digital inclusion work, pre-employment courses and befriending.
- A joint application from the NHS and third sector to the Community Renewal Fund has been successful
- Not many employers are taking up the Disability Confident Scheme
- It is difficult to know how benefits will be affected when someone gets a job. People need to know their rights.
- Lots of people have not returned to work after the lockdown.
- Employer Engagement Forum launched, where employers discuss how to support employees with learning disabilities.

	• The Employment Training Survey has not had many responses. More responses are needed to understand how good training services are at the moment. • The Being Employed Leeds website has launched.
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