

Employment Task Group

Thursday 7th July 2022

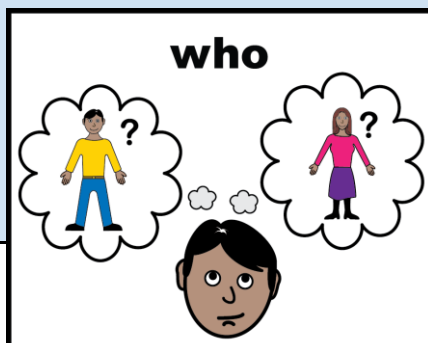
10am-12

Minutes



The Employment Task Group is made up of different organisations who provide services to help people with learning disabilities and autism get jobs. We meet every 2 months to discuss what we have been working on and help each other with our projects.

Attendees



- Luke Beaumont - Connect in the North
- Madeleine Fahy - Connect in the North
- Phil Chan - Leeds City Council
- Danielle Newton - Health for All

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Julie Sinclair - Leeds City College● Suzanne Parish - Mencap● Sam Lowe - Leeds City Council● Amy Hirst - Learning Disability Service● Kate Watson - Occupational Therapy Student● Georgia Lowe-Smith - Occupational Therapy Student,● Tom Sadler - Future Horizons Leeds● Sally-Ann Greenfield - Lighthouse Futures Trust● Alison Fenton - Employment and Skills Manager, Leeds City Council● Carl Newbould - Leeds Museums and Galleries, Manages Careers for All Programme.● Sally Jude - Development Manager, People Matters● Ann Wilson - SLATE● Fozia Mahmood, United Response● Michael Whitehead - Employment Lead, Scope● Amy Sutcliffe - Employment Task Group Coordinator - Forum Central |
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Amy gave an update on actions from the last meeting.

- Last time, we said we would have a stall at the Special Educational Needs and Disability Next Choices Event to publicise the Employment Task Group. We did have a stall and it was really successful.
- Last time we wanted to make a logo and brand for the Employer Engagement subgroup. We made the Inclusive Employer Network -

Everyone gave an update on what they have been working on recently

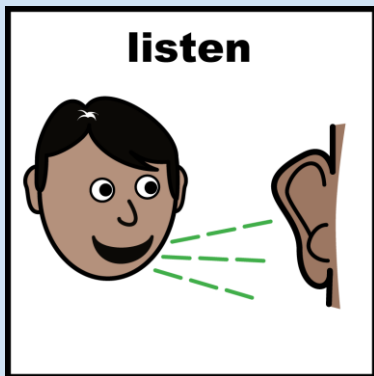


- Developing You Project - 12 week employment programme focused on being ready for work. There are careers advisors. **ACTION: Spread the word about the programme!**
- We want more job vacancies on the Being Employed Leeds website.
- Mencap Kickstart programme - learn interview skills and work with a careers adviser.
- Mencap's supported internship programme isn't running this year as there aren't enough people - **ACTION: we need to find places for the people who were enrolled on the**

programme but now can't take part.

- Suzanne has a list of employers who are welcoming of people with learning disabilities **ACTION: Amy will get a list of these employers and pass this on to the Inclusive Employer Network**
- Leeds York Partnership Foundation Trust (NHS) are working with Pyramid of Arts and 100% Digital Leeds on video CVs.
- Future Horizons is a new specialist college for adults with complex needs. **ACTION: Tom to link in with Inclusive Employers Network to find vacancies for Future Horizons students.**
- The Inclusive Employer Network launched. This is a space for employers to receive information and ask questions about how to employ people with learning disabilities. Attendance was high, which shows us there's lots of interest in employing people with learning disabilities!

Danielle from Health For All told us about their peer support job clubs.



- 6 week workshops to identify people's strengths and develop confidence for employment,
- There are skills based sessions, like maths 'skills on the tills' sessions.
- You can make a one page profile which shows what you're good at.
- You can practice team meetings.

Subgroup Updates.

There are 4 subgroups. Each one will tell us about the work they have been doing recently



Coordination Subgroup

- We represented the Employment Task Group at the People's Parliament Takeover of the Council Chambers.

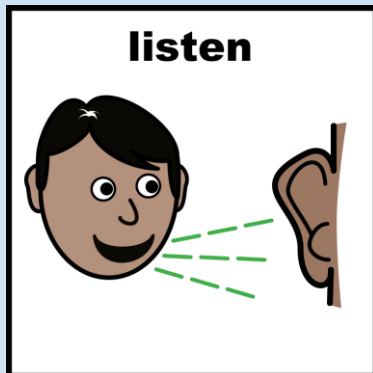
Website Subgroup

- The Being Employed Leeds Website is complete, but we need to constantly be looking for job vacancies and training to put on there. **ACTION: everyone needs to spread the word about the Being Employed Leeds website and tell employers to put their vacancies on there!**

Pathways and Skills

- Working to make sure there's support at each stage of the employment journey.
- We are making an image of a pathway which shows all the employment services on offer in Leeds, grouped together depending on whereabouts on the employment journey they target.

The Employment Task Group had a stall at a Special Educational Needs and Disability Conference

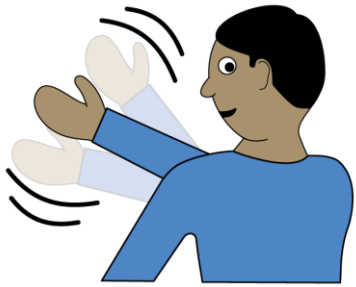


- We learned that the Employment Task Group needs closer links with colleges.
- It was great for families to have so much information about support for people with learning disabilities after school all in one place.
- There was excellent feedback from stallholders and the public, so the event will run again next year.



- We spoke about merging the Employment Task Group with the Autism Employment Forum, because they have similar goals and a similar membership. We need to ensure that we understand the differences among autistic people and people with various learning disabilities, but also understand that a lot of our work includes a lot this diverse group of people.

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- The meeting ended at 12pm.
- Our next meeting is 8th September 10am-12pm.

How to get involved with the Employment Task Group

involved in decision making

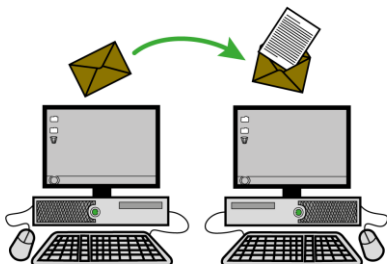


We would like more people with learning disabilities to be members of the Employment Task Group. We are trying to make the Task Group more accessible.

If you have a passion for improving employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities, then please send an email to

amy.sutcliffe@forumcentral.org.uk and
robert.stephens@forumcentral.org.uk.

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	If you would like to be involved but don't want to come to the meeting, that's fine too! Just send us an email saying you're interested in the Employment Task Group.
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