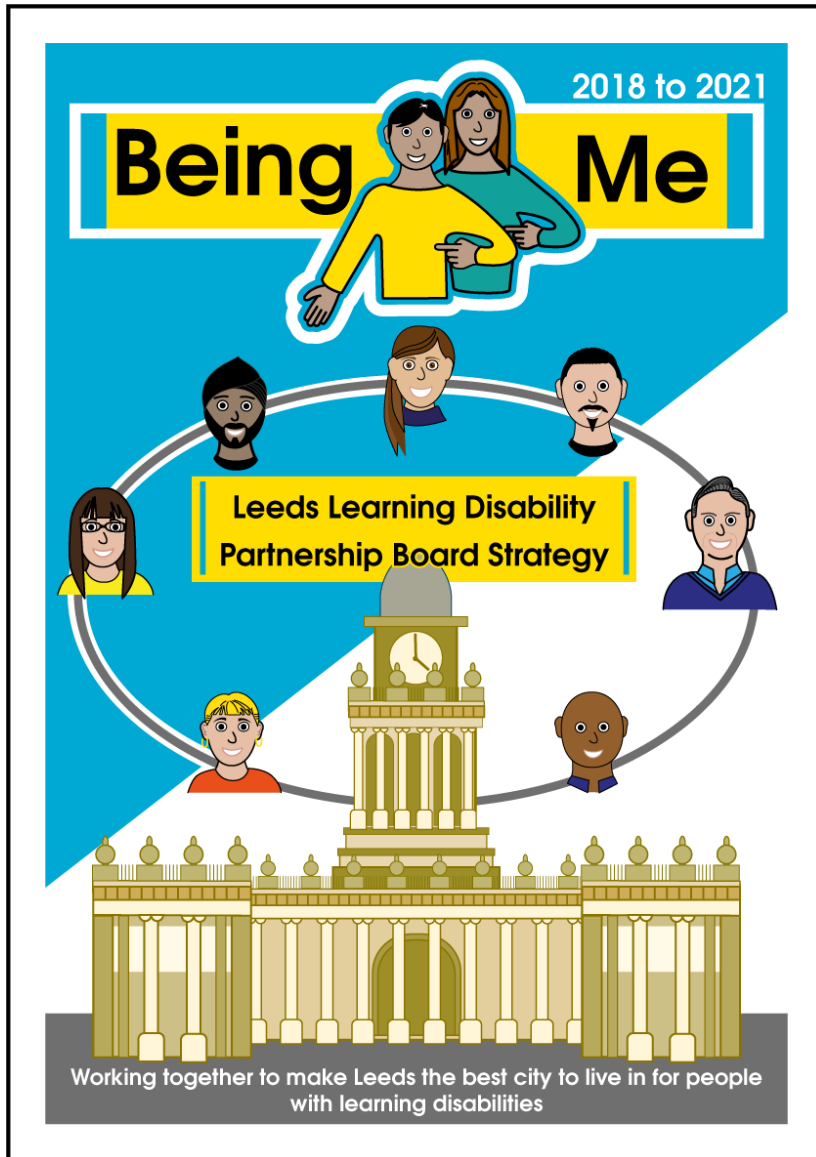




2023 Update



What is the 2023 update?

- The Being Me strategy ran from 2018 to 2021
- In 2022 and 2023 the Theme Leads for each of the Key Themes gave feedback to understand what has been going well, what challenges there have been, and future plans
- The key themes are:
 - Being Well
 - Being Safe
 - Being Connected – Social
 - Being Connected – Travel
 - Being Connected – Employment
- The existing strategy along with this update will continue until 2025

being well



What has been going well?



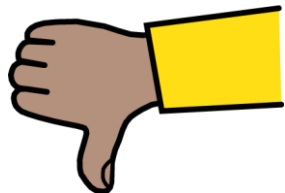
The following areas of work have been going well for the Being Well task group:

- Co-producing written and digital easy read guides for health promotion
- Creating hospital passports for lots of people with a learning disability
- Improving communication between service users and professionals
- Improving the quality of Annual Health Checks
- Providing an active response to the changes and impact of Covid
- Making strong connections between the Leeds Health Awareness service and the Partnership Board
- Inviting speakers from health organisations to the Learning Disability Awareness week
- Developing the well-used One You Leeds website
- Working with LGBTQ+ community
- Having Co-chair's working together for the Being Well task group
- Learning lessons from lives and deaths
- Linking well with the People's Parliament
- Linking well with the Asking You

being well



What has been a challenge?



The following areas of work have been a challenge for the Being Well task group:

- The NHS is not always able to send out information in easy read
- Providing services online because of the Covid lockdown and then returning to face-to-face activities, meetings, and events again
- It would be helpful to have more admin support for the task group

being well



What are the future plans?



The future plans for the Being Well task group are:

- To expand the range of easy read information into more areas, for example, Mental Health
- To involve more people with a lived experience of a learning disability in co-production
- To increase the number of people with lived experience attending the Being Well task group
- To increase the number of organisations signing up to the Health Charter
- To link in with the Autism Partnership Board
- To create more paid roles for people with lived experience

being safe



**What has been
going well?**



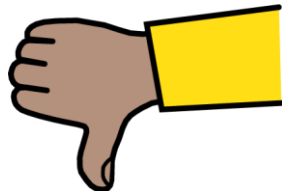
The following areas of work have been going well for the Being Safe task group:

- Having a good range of partners on the Being Safe task group
- Visiting and assessing accommodation-based services as Good Lives Leaders
- Expanding Safe Places to include more places in Leeds
- Delivering training in personal safety to lots of people
- Winning the Leeds City Council's Awards for Excellence Partnership Award for Leep1 safeguarding ambassadors, for their work with the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board
- Working with the Co-Chair of the Being Safe task group

being safe



What has been a challenge?



The following areas of work have been a challenge for the Being Safe task group:

- Finding and securing funding for Safe Places

being safe



**What are the
future plans?**



The future plans for the Being Safe task group are:

- To expand the work of the Good Lives Leaders from visiting accommodation-based services to also visiting day opportunity services
- To keep building on what has already been achieved

being connected social



What has been going well?



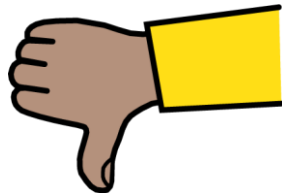
The following areas of work have been going well for the Being Connected - Social task group:

- Maintaining and developing strong links between the Being Connected task group and the People's Parliament
- Organising the successful Being Social event held at Leeds Kirkgate Market
- Creating the Being Social Booklet
- Supporting and sharing the increased number of online social events developed in response to the Covid lockdowns
- Linking in with the well connected organisations in Leeds which are good at working together
- Working with the Co-Chair of the Being Connected - Social task group
- Organising the successful and well received and attended Council Chambers take over event
- Holding a stall at the Beeston Festival
- The Being Connected task group is very productive

being connected social



**What has been a
challenge?**



The following areas of work have been a challenge for the Being Connected - Social task group:

- Finding and securing funding for activities

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**What are the
future plans?**



The future plans for the Being Connected - Social task group are:

- To have another event like the one held at Kirkgate Market
- To deliver social activities both in person and online to enable accessibility to all

being connected transport



What has been going well?



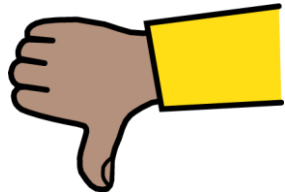
The following areas of work have been going well for the Being Connected - Transport task group:

- Recruiting Travel Ambassadors
- Recruiting a specialist travel trainer with lived experience of a learning disability
- Working with 100% Leeds Digital to develop training resources, presentations and generally introduce digital tools to the work of the Travel task group
- Travel Ambassadors writing complaints to raise concerns with travel providers
- Significant savings being made by working with Passenger Transport Services and day services

being connected transport



**What has been a
challenge?**



The following areas of work have been a challenge for the Being Connected - Transport task group:

- There has been a low level of referrals for travel training from Black and Minority Ethnic communities

being connected transport



What are the future plans?



The future plans for the Being Connected - Transport task group are:

- To deliver Learning Disability awareness training for bus and taxi drivers and Leeds Council Passenger Transport Services
- To resume travel training workshops and information sessions to third sector services including Leeds City College, ASPIRE, as well as Mental Health, Physical and Sensory Impairment, and Learning Disability Day Opportunities
- To work with Hamara to engage with Black and Minority Ethnic communities
- To analyse data to identify other hard to reach groups to target promotion and increase the uptake of independent travel training
- To attend Street Charter Meetings

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What has been going well?



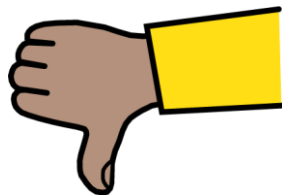
The following areas of work have been going well for the Being Connected - Employment task group:

- Developing the Leeds Inclusive Employers Network (LIEN) list to include over 100 employers
- Forum Central and Royal Mencap employing people with lived experience of a Learning Disability
- Refreshing the Ambition Statement (2022-2025)
- Expanding the work of the task group to include employment for people with Autism alongside employment for people with a Learning Disability offering an intersectional approach
- The Task Group is working well

being connected employment



**What has been a
challenge?**



The following areas of work have been a challenge for the Being Connected - Employment task group:

- In general, more involvement from people with lived experience is needed, for example, on the Core Steering Group
- The 'Being Employed' website is under review, there was only one job vacancy advertised, therefore the site needs to expand and be more accessible, inclusive and take diversity into account.
- The Sub Groups are not working well and will be reviewed in June 2023

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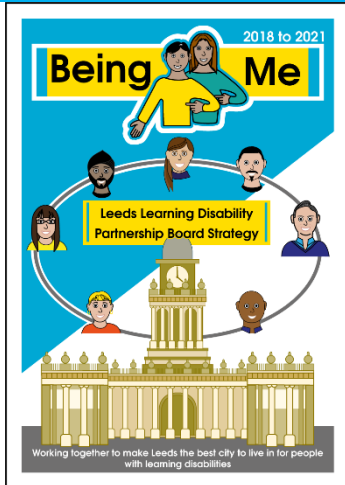


What are the future plans?



The future plans for the Being Connected - Employment task group are:

- For Leeds Inclusive Employment Network (LIEN) to be co-delivered by people with lived experience of a Learning Disability
- To create 'Employment Ambassador' posts to be a critical friend to employers. This post needs funding. Link the Good Lives Leaders model to develop this role
- To deliver training to employers to create an inclusive and diverse workforce
- To have monitoring of the 'Being Employed' for example, how many people are clicking on the site/pages and so on, to see how it is being used.
- To offer support to help keep the Being Employed website up to date/full of information
- To do what we say in the strategy
- To pay people for their involvement



What's Next?



- We will continue the good work of the strategy through to 2025
- In 2025, we will do an in depth review of the whole strategy and develop a new and updated Being Me strategy
- We will use the future plans section to help plan our work
- We will consider how the partnership board meets. We will look at the different options of face to face and online, different locations, and the frequency
- We will try to make sure that the partnership board is representative of adults with learning disabilities across Leeds, we will work towards strengthening representation and incorporate Equality, Diversity and Inclusion practices
- We will ensure that partners across the city are aware of the partnership board