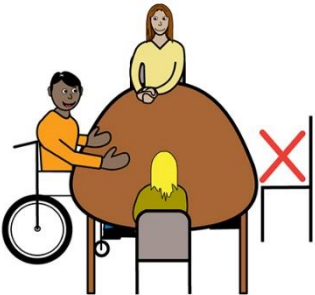
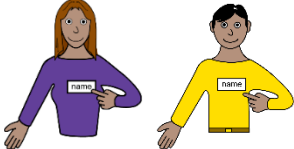
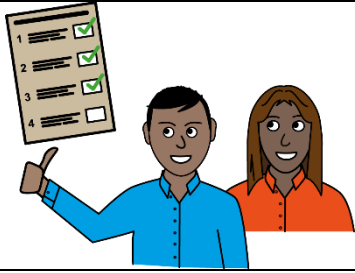


	Being Social Leeds Task Group 19th November 2024
	The people who came • Felicia Adunmade - Aspire CBS • Lynn Bailey – BAFF • Dominique Burley – Forum Central • Emily Clixby - Nice Twice Club • Imogen Day – Asking You • Majella Dean – Creative Support • Kenny Hendy - Co Chair • Jane Hogan – People Matters • Kenneth Fletcher – Asking You • Sherieda Joseph • Em Pearson – Asking You • Yvonne Ugarte • Sarah Wheatley – Connect in the North
	Apologies • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North • Andrew Garrick – Leeds City Council
	Introductions Kenny opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.



Minutes from last meeting

Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct.



Actions from the last meeting.

- Update on the Direct Payment Report

Dominique has sent the report to Better Lives Leeds. She hasn't received any more feedback from the speakers. Dominique is going to change emails to organisational emails to make the report last longer.

Action – Sarah will send the report to Phil and the Individual Service Fund Team at Leeds City Council.

- Booking the market

We can't have the market on 17th June. We need to find a different day or venue.

- Action – Sarah to find out if there is any ABCD work in Wakefield for Felicia.

There wasn't any but there were some funding streams. Felicia hasn't heard back from them.

- Through the Maze is following People Matters

- Everyone to carry on sharing what is happening locally with ttn@citn.org.uk

- Felicia has been in contact with Elissa Matley at People Matters to pass on what software Aspire use.



Nice Twice Club – Emily Clixby

The club is a community led group based in Hull. It has been going for 3 years. Their website was launched yesterday

<https://www.nicetwiceclub.co.uk/home>

They offer free resources, bespoke advice and training for Hull venues. Nice Twice Club works to make sure all Hull venues are accessible to all.

They visit venues as a group and then individually. They write an action plan for the venue. They look at how places can be emotionally accessible rather than physically accessible.

Action – Sarah to link Emily and Asking You.

The Nice Twice Club have been running Gig Buddies for the last 6 years. Initially through Mencap. They got some funding through the co-op. For a time, they only had funding for 4 hours a month. They now have funding from the Lottery which means they have got bigger.

Sarah questioned if this could be useful for People in Action for the Out in Leeds Club. Sherieda shared that they were developing the group to have 2 trained Mental Health workers and support for the group.



Imogen, Kenneth and Em presented. They shared what happened at the Council Chamber Take Over in Learning Disability Week.

97 people came to the event. People asked questions which related to the themes of the strategy. The questions had been written at an event before the Take Over.

You can find out more by reading the presentation.

Next year they want to spend more time on people asking the prepared questions and less time on open questions. They want to have 2 questions for each theme.

Sarah has agreed to help facilitate an event where people write the questions for the next Take over.

The Council Chambers is booked for 17th June 2025



The market isn't available on the same day as the Council Chambers.

Other venues were suggested such as the Rose Bowl, John Lewis and the Civic Hall. Sarah was concerned about footfall at these venues.

White Rose was suggested but most people thought it was too far out of town. Sarah

	suggested promoting Learning Disability Week there. Action – Jane to email Sarah the details of how you get a stall at the White Rose. Dominique suggested the Corn Exchange. Em was concerned that it's not very accessible. Sherieda and Kenny said that it has got a new lift. Action- Em will look at the accessibility of Leeds Corn Exchange. The group also looked at the possibility of it being on another day. Thursday was the most popular choice but it does clash with the Customer Awards. Action – Sarah will look at availability. It was decided that Learning Disability Pride should still be after the council Take Over Event.
	Flexible Support At the Council Chamber Take Over people had said that they are not being supported on an evening. The task group shared examples of good practice. Jane said People Matters support people to go out on evenings and weekends. People can decide how to use their 1 to 1 support. Lynn said that they have awarded a group of people with learning disabilities a Small Sparks grant to share a taxi to go out together. They

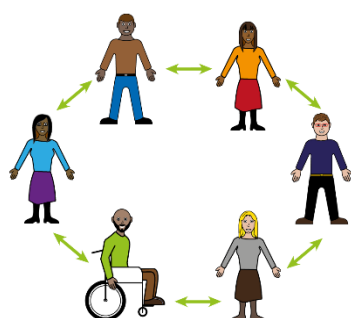
are supporting each other rather than using paid support. The taxi means they can do it safely. They hope the success of being able to do this will lead to them to continue doing it when they have used the money.

Action – Sarah to find organisations who have examples of flexible support to come and speak at the next task group.

Asking You talked about people not going out on a night because people don't feel safe. Aspire are evaluating and delivering training to the organisations signed up to Safe Places. They are also looking at shops which are open late becoming Safe Places. This is to make the city be safer on a night for people to go out.

Asking You talked about the cost of going out. It was suggested that Through the Maze write an article about cheap nights out.

Action – Sarah to talk to Thomas about having an article about doing cheap activities

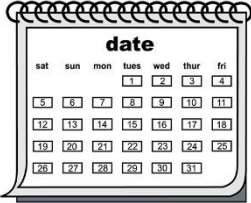


Share what your organisation is doing.

26th November 6-9 – Hall Lane Disco,
55 Bedford Drive, Leeds, LS16 6DJ

3rd December 6:30-9 People Matters
Christmas Party

17th December 4pm Rhino Evening in
Headingley

	18 th December 6-9 – People in Action Christmas Party at Leeds Irish Centre
	Anything else to talk about. No time left.
	Date and time of next meeting – No date was set. Sarah is going to send out a poll to ask everyone to choose a date.