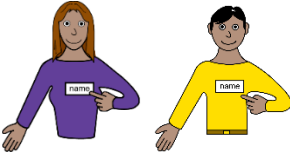
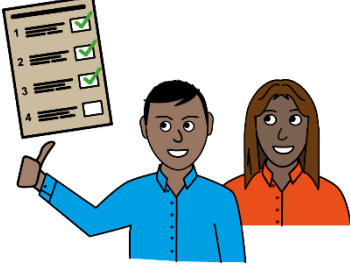


	Being Social Leeds Task Group 23rd September 2025
	The people who came • Sarah Wheatley – Connect in the North • Madeleine Fahy – Connect in the North • Imogen Day – Asking You • Dominique Burley – Forum Central • Jodie Lee – Aspire CBS • Tania Woodhouse – Connect in the North • Kenneth Fletcher - Asking You • Em Pearson – Asking You • Thomas Chalk – Through the Maze • Beth Macdonald – Asking You
	Apologies • Lynn Bailey – BAFF • Felicia Adunmade – Aspire CBS • Paula Tordoff – St Annes Leeds Services
	Introductions Tania opened the meeting.
	Minutes from last meeting Everyone agreed that the minutes from the last meeting were correct.



Actions from the last meeting.

Action – Sarah to contact The Corn Exchange to ask permission.

The Corn Exchange have given permission and welcomed photographs there at the end of the learning disability Pride March.

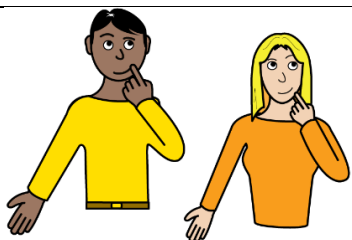
Action - Sarah to feedback on future Partnership Board.

Madeleine and Imogen fed back as they recently attended a meeting with two of the Commissioners.

The mailing list is going to be updated and hopefully this will mean that the right people will be able to attend. This will include the right Councillors and other providers. The attendance changing will mean that questions will be answered on the day of the meeting by the correct person.

It was suggested that the topics won't be just about the Strategy themes but current matters arising. Helen Bradshaw is the lead Commissioner for the Partnership Board and she is going to set up a Theme Leads meeting prior to the next Partnership Board.

There will be 2 meetings a year at different sides of Leeds and 2 meetings on zoom using Connect in the Norths zoom link.

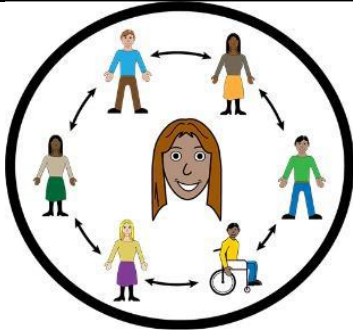


Flexible Support

Sarah read out some of the findings from the flexible support survey report.

The report will be attached with the minutes. With a special mention to Leeds Jewish Welfare Board, Womens Health Matters, Hamara and People in Action for supporting people to complete and send back the questionnaires.

	Transport, rising prices and cashless venues have come back as the biggest barriers to people having a social life.
 	Cashless Venues Issues and Solutions Dominique spoke about the recent discussions that took place at the Forum Central Members meet up. Some suggestions to get over the cashless venues was to buy a voucher for the venue in advance of visiting. This could lead to a lot of restrictions such as, what if your voucher didn't cover the whole of the bill. It would also stop you being spontaneous. One of the things that was suggested was to support the places that aren't cashless more and give them a shout out on social media. Dominique spoke about how Euan's Guide highlights whether a venue is cashless or not. https://www.euansguide.com Imogen spoke about the new card called Money Carer which is a pre-paid card by Mastercard, so it is recognised widely. https://moneycarer.org.uk/our-services/carer-cards/ This card can be attached to a device which is either a ring or a bracelet that can be worn and used in the same way a phone would be used at a checkout or to pay for something. https://ringpay.com/ Action – We will share some solutions in Through the Maze. Action - bring this reoccurring problem to the Partnership Board to discuss further.



Peer Support Groups and what can we do to help.

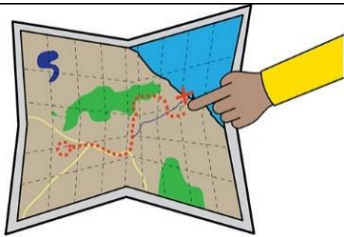
During this discussion a barrier was lack of funds. Dominique talked about the Small Sparks funding up to £2000 and how this may be able to help set up small groups.

<https://www.mindwell-leeds.org.uk/being-you-leeds/small-sparks-funding/>

Kenneth talked about people needing good support to help people arrange meet ups. He said his support is good at doing this but it's not the case for everyone.

Organisations might have issues with perceived or genuine risks of people going places without support. People also might need support to be at their home later to be there when they return.

Jodie said that risks would need to be addressed and managed on an individual basis.

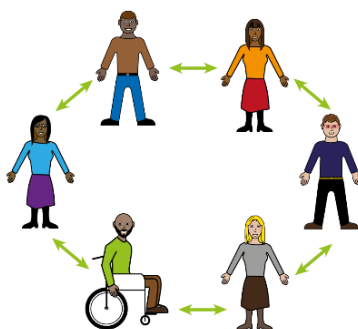
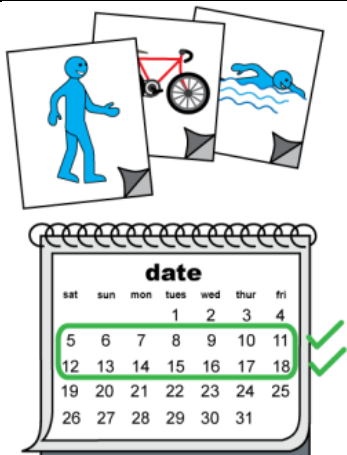


The Leeds Big Map

Thomas shared the big map of Leeds that was recently used at another event.

The map is going to be on display in Connect in the Norths training room and used to show where Community Centres are in Leeds.

This is joint work with the Pass it on People as they build a directory and what is on listing for the Through the Maze website.



Share what your organisation is doing. Things that are happening in Leeds.

- Advonet talked about their travel workshops. Details are also attached with the minutes.
- People in Action have a travel
- Dominique spoke about the online transport consultation run by Forum Central.

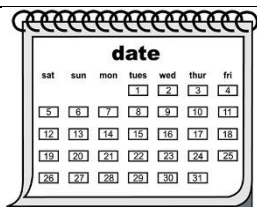


- Interfaith week event 12th November. Film showing about Faith at Connect in the North.
- 17th November Connect in the North's AGM and 30th Birthday party. All members welcome. Performances by Dramarama and The Songbirds, bingo, quiz and lunch included. Please contact Sarah@citn.org.uk for more details and to confirm your place.
- 22nd November Pyramid are holding a Winter Art Market 10.30 to 2pm at The Pyramid Studios

<https://pyramid.org.uk/winter-art-market-2025>

Anything else to talk about.

Deadline for articles for the Through the Maze Winter Newsletter – 17th November 2025.



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. Everyone agreed at the last meeting that Tuesdays were a good day.