

Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) Project reports summary – August 2009



There are 11 areas of work that get LDDF money. The money is used to pay for special projects.

This is about the projects, how much LDDF they get this year, what area of work they are in, and what they did from April 2009 through July 2009. The whole reports are on the website at www.brightpart.org. Each report is on the page of the area of work that project is in.

Speaking Up In Care Homes

£1,615 - Person Centred Approaches

- This project has not started yet. They expect to start in the Autumn.

Intensive Interaction Group

£2,175 - Person Centred Approaches and Workforce Development

- 8 staff have begun the 'Advanced Practitioner' training and one Coordinator went to a National Intensive Interaction conference



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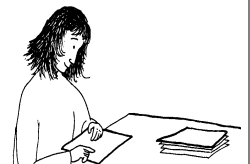
£4,500 - Person Centred Approaches

- This project has not started yet. They expect to start in the Autumn.

Improving Health Transitions

£5,200 – Transitions

- This project did not start until July. Natalie has been doing research, has written a plan for this work and has started to arrange meetings.



Website Menu of Services

£5,900 - Person Centred Approaches

- Started planning the website and will launch The Big Bridge Brighton & Hove on **26 January 2010 at Hove Town Hall.**



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Words are Not enough

£7,000 – Transitions



- 6 young people with learning disabilities and communication difficulties from Downs View Link College took part in art sessions once a week for 4 weeks at the Phoenix Studios in Brighton. 6 teaching staff from the college attended these sessions to support the students
- The young people and the staff learnt how to do: mono-printing, plaster casting and felt making. They worked with Brighton artist Jim Sanders to make big chalk drawings together. They filmed the sessions with Claire Griffiths, a film maker who was filming the work they were doing
- They had an exhibition of the young people's art work at Downs View Link College. They got £1,000 from the Youth Opportunities Fund to buy more equipment for more art sessions in the Autumn
- Sue Winter was invited to the Sussex Advocacy Partnership to tell them about using art to help young people with learning disabilities and communication difficulties tell people what is important to them



Transitions Team

£10,000 – Transitions

- Are recruiting to the new post of Transitions Team Manager – the advert is going out in September. Once the manager is in post the project will start.

Its My Plan!

£10,224 - Person Centred Approaches

- Carousel is now going to do this project. The project has not started yet.

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Partnership Community Safety Team

£11,100 - Taking Part in the City

- Wrote a Disability Hate Incident Strategy and an action plan. Are asking people what they think of the strategy and the action plan. Have formed a steering group that will be meeting soon.



- Were part of the Partnership Board's session with the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and led an information session for the Learning Disability Partnership Board on 20th July.

- Created information on the council, safe in the city and the LDPB websites about the disability hate incidents, how to report it, and support services available.

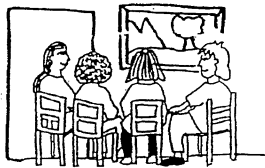
- The Sussex Police developed a new Hate Incident Report Form and this project is working to make changes to the form.



- Received two incident reports, one is a person with a learning disability. The team offered casework support to both the clients.
- We have secured commitment from a few organisations that they would like to be reporting centres.

Carers Link Group

£12,060 - Carers



- The Carers Centre has recruited two new carer representatives. Amaze has two carer representatives, one of whom is also supported to attend the Transition Forum.

• The Carers Centre had the first Listening Lunch in July. Amaze had two parent get-togethers, one about teenagers and one about young people having relationships.

- The Carers Link group had a stall at the 'Adult Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee' to inform them about the Project

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Speak Out Link Group

£15,000 – Advocacy

- There are 7 members. They have attended 2 Partnership Board meetings and 2 Big Meetings.
- The Link Group has been very involved in the work going on about complaints and choices in homes.
- Link Group members have attended and given their views to the Health sub group and Regional Health Quality Forum, the council Scrutiny Committee, LDDF information session and Community Safety information session and have written articles in 2 network news



Family Carers Gateway to Support Project

£16,000 - Family Carers

- They are still hiring the worker to do this project so it has not started yet

LDPB Development Worker

£19,610 - Make It Happen

- Told lots of people about the LDPB. Acted as a contact person and a co-ordinator. Maintained the brightpart website, kept pages up to date, helped sub groups keep their pages up to date



- Managed the LDDF processes including helping the LDPB do the voting for next year's money and also making sure we got final reports from last year's projects. Collected and reported on all the first reports for this year's projects.
- Publicised Valuing People Now. Showed the Valuing People Now DVD to the LDPB members and the public. Arranged for Jean Collins to come to the May LDPB meeting.
- Supported the chairs planning group. Helped them plan the meeting agendas and the information sessions. Supported the Make It Happen Group and wrote the Make It Happen Plan



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Health Action Planning

£19,980 - Healthy Lives



- 42 of the 49 GP practices in the city are now doing health checks and health action plans and 6 more practices have had training.
- From April 2008 until March 2009 251 people had a health check and 224 people had a health action plan from their GP practice and Lots of people found out they had new health problems after their health check.
- Natalie did a workshop in April for staff from learning disability services on 'being a health supporter'.
- Natalie has started work to make sure people with a learning disability can use cancer screening services. Natalie has also started to help pharmacies and chemists give better services to people with learning disabilities



Learning Disabilities Together Network

£28,860 - Work & Skills & Taking Part In The City



- Working group set up an work plan created with key objectives and activities
- Consultation event planned for 29th September to decide on format and direction of the network
- Event invitations created in an accessible format and circulated through key stakeholders
- Event feedback mechanism developed to include qualitative and quantitative data in verbal and written forms. Delegate packs to include literature on Valuing People and Personalisation
- Event speaker to present on good practice and key issues when developing a network: Jackie Griggs, Money Advice and Community Support Service
- Learning Disability Together Network logo created to enhance brand awareness

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Advocacy Groups Network

£39,000 – Advocacy

- 30 people have taken part in advocacy groups.
- Tuesday and Loud & Clear Groups have worked on issues such as healthy eating, saying 'no' to people and the difficulty of making complaints. Groups have used a variety of techniques including Forum Theatre, writing and film to explore issues.
- Wednesday Group offered advice on job description for Travel Buddy coordinator, spoke to Community Safety Officer about safety issues, and had a number of contacts with the Theatre Royal to give advice. They also made a film about their feedback.
- All groups have sent reps to the Big Meeting and contributed to articles in Network News.
- Total number of group actions = 38
- 2 Big Meetings attended by reps from different 11 groups.
- Issues include relationships, how to make complaints and finding out more about the Partnership Board. Films of the Big Meetings were made and shown at the Partnership Board.
- Two Network News newsletters were produced. Groups outside Speak Out are writing more articles now.

