

# Learning Disability Development Fund (LDDF) Progress report



## Name of project:



**The Big Bridge community website**

## Project Lead:



**Kate Lee**

## Sub Group overseeing project:

Person Centred Approaches Sub Group

## Project Targets from original bid:

- To create a **community website** to help people with learning disabilities in Brighton & Hove find out useful information.
- This includes things like **healthy living, staying safe, your rights, housing and work.**
- The project aims to support groups including **service users, parents and carers.** It is also for social care professionals and people looking to work in care.
- We aim to include **local and national information.**
- We want the site to be **easy to use.**
- We said we could do this in **6 to 9 months.**

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## How the project will do this work:

- We said that we would **find out** the information that will be most helpful
- We said we would invite **lots of different organisations** to include their details on The Big Bridge
- We said we would **build a website**
- We said we would write the words in a way that makes it **easy to read**
- We said we would **test it to make sure it is easy to use**
- We promised to **tell people about it**
- We said we would find out what people think, and how we can help, by reading emails sent to **hello@thebigbridge.org**.

## This is what we said the website will look like:



How much 2009/10 LDDF money the project gets: £5,900

Name of person completing this report:

Kate Lee

## What the project has done since July 2009:

- Kate Lee and Daniel Parsonage have worked together to decide **what to put on the website.**
- We invited **30 different organisations** to be included on the website.
- We have **designed and built** the website. We did this when we said we would.
- It looks colourful and it is **easy to use**
- It has lots of **useful information** on it
- It includes information for **people with learning disabilities, parents and carers and social care workers.**
- It is now on the internet **[www.thebigbridge.org](http://www.thebigbridge.org)**
- We have talked to the **Service Provider Forum** and other groups about how this website can help people find things out
- We launched The Big Bridge Brighton & Hove on **26 January 2010** at **Hove Town Hall.**
- We invited the **Deputy Mayor** and 50 people came
- We talked about The Big Bridge on **Sussex Heart fm radio**
- We have seen a great rise in the **number of visitors** to the site



## What do we still have to do?

- We have done all the things we promised to do, but we still want to **develop The Big Bridge**
- We want to **add more pages** so it will be even more useful
- We want to go out and **talk to different groups**, so that lots of people know about The Big Bridge
- We want to add more information, such as **how to find a job** or **social activities**
- We will look at **sponsorship and further funding** so that we can help more people find things out by using The Big Bridge, using the internet and developing their skills
- We think this is important because it supports **Valuing People Now**

