

Name of Project:

Learning Disabilities Together Network

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Which Partnership Board Sub Group is leading this area of work?

Taking Part in the City
Work & Skills

How much LDDF money does your project want in 2009-2010?

£28,860

What is the budget (how will you spend the money) for the project and is any other money also going to be used for this project?

Please see attached budget for full breakdown.

Through the Performance Development Service (Impetus) we are able to offer in kind support to the sum of approx £3000 for 2009/10 to assist with fundraising and contracting. This time can be used to support the planning process, project design, brokerage. The time can also be used for training in fundraising and/or supporting the bidding process.

With the in kind support this brings the total budget to approx £31,860.

Tell us about the Project, how it will work, what it will do, who will do it and things like that:

The focus of this project will be to create an embedded model of delivery between a network of organisation from different sectors, to develop and support choice, control, access and greater opportunities within leisure, sports, learning, skills and work activities for all members of the learning disability community. We will manage a process which seeks to build capacity and maximise partnership opportunities for participating services to work within a co-ordinated approach in their delivery of leisure, sports, Learning, Skills and Work activities.

Through the development of the network approach we will seek to harness best practice, quality of service and service user participation in-line with 'Valuing People', person centred approaches and fair and equal access to mainstream services. This will be a long term vision which will address and deliver the stated priorities within the Taking Part in the City and Work & Skills sub groups. With the aim of creating a long term sustainable legacy, enabling service providers to maximise opportunities and achieve the best outcomes for residents of the city who have a learning disability.

The project will be made available to all organisations and services within the city who can contribute towards the projects aims. Through this approach we will seek to address barriers and structures that currently limit choice, control, opportunities and access for people with a learning disability.

We will co-ordinate the development within the network structures to enable people to change (transition) between different types of services, including the development of clear pathways and communication structures.

The project will be jointly delivered by Care Co-ops and Impetus. With Care Co-ops being the lead organisation with contract and management responsibility for the project. We believe that this joint deliver profile can gain maximum benefits by have greater expertise, skills and knowledge for the overall project delivery.

What outcomes, targets or goals would your project achieve?

We will aim to develop and co-ordinate the network in the provision of choice and options to meet the needs of all people with a learning disability relating to leisure, sports, learning, skills and work activities. We will bring together organisations that already support people with a learning disability with main stream organisations to raise standards and improve inclusion opportunities.

- Identify strategic aims for the network
- produce an analysis of existing funding and make recommendations regarding funding bids to build into the future
- develop and imbed clear pathways and referral routes for people between members of the network
- identify the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the network members and draw up an action plan to increase capacity and resources
- work with the network to meet Valuing People Now priorities and to be person centred in their individual and collaborative work
- support the network to plan and deliver for self directed support

Work with organisations in the network to increase

- the number of people that gain paid sustainable employment and voluntary work;
- the number of people accessing learning and training and gaining qualifications
- the numbers of people taking part in sports and exercise and using leisure

than would have been achieved without the network.

As this project will seek to deliver a co-ordinated network approach between a range of providers, targets and outcomes regarding this activity will need to be agreed with the funders and the network should the project be funded.

To identify a range of funding opportunities for the network and support completion of these.

To provide the network with information, advice and support regarding the 'Locally Enhanced Service' the city's Self Directed Support agendas.

To support the network with the development of policies which reflect best practice regarding Equalities and Diversity.

To co-ordinate and develop a strategic interface with funding bodies for the network

Evaluation

We will report to a project steering group and

- carry out an evaluation process at the start with all stake holders regarding what they expect and measuring what benefits they have received
- ensure the network activity is steered by all stakeholders
- submit quarterly reports to measure and monitor the progress of the network against targets.

Is there anything else you want us to know?

Both Care Co-ops and Impetus have a very good track record working and supporting the health and social care sector. We have a highly skilled and diverse range of trustees many of whom have worked at regional and national level.

The organisations hold PCT, Supporting People, Local Authority, ESF and Lottery contracts and Impetus deliver capacity building to the voluntary sector and therefore can bring a great deal of added value and knowledge to the project. We have good links and relationships with commissioners and with some trusts.

Care Co-ops delivers work placements through the B&H Learning Partnership funded Breakthrough project, these work placements can be made available to people with a learning disability. Impetus have access to a wide range of volunteers through the volunteer centre and can provide additional in kind services. Care Co-ops holds the 'MATRIX' quality standard for information, advice and guidance for work and learning.

We work closely with other infrastructure organisations in the City and Impetus CEO is a member of the Change Up Consortium. Both Care Co-ops Dept CEO and Impetus CEO are elected representatives for the Local Involvement Network for social care and health (LINK). We bring real opportunities to develop the network into the future through our experience of

- partnership development support
- contract and tendering
- fundraising
- training and mentoring
- brokerage

We also have the following:

- experience of working with groups working towards strategic partnership development
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- experience of the self directed support agenda (Including coordinated the Direct Payments brokerage service at INTERACT)
- experience of cross-sector engagement work
- input around quality assurance development within the network