



Learning Disability Member Meetup - 31.03.2021

On Zoom

Attendees:

Caroline Schonrock - LCH
Rachel Koivunen - People in Action
Laura Stott - United Response
Luke Aylward - Advonet
Lisa Smith - LCH
Sophie Ellis - Mencap
Cath Lee - Leeds Mencap
James Hill - Pyramid of Arts
Dominique Burley - CHANGE

Erin Hodson - Caring for Life
Clare McNeill - Carers Leeds
Alison Kay - St. Anne's
Sabiha Hussain - Hamara
Ann Wilson - Slate
Rachel Kingdom - Yorkshire Dance
Diane Wilson - Groundwork Yorkshire
Bob McDougall - People in Action
Jez Coram, Zaira Khanum, Kelly
Bishop, Karl Witty - Forum Central

Welcome / Intros

Jez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Leeds Community Healthcare / Third Sector Strategy overview - Caroline Schonrock - Partnership Development Manager - LCH

[Third Sector Strategy objectives linked here](#)

Presentation: ([link here](#))

The strategy was signed off in September last year after developing through LCH and Forum Central. The strategy is essential in developing the best possible care for people and they recognise they need to strengthen their partnership working with the third sector. The third sector are highly valued partners with a distinct contribution to make and they want to strengthen this connection.

The priorities of the strategy emerged through the consultation and the steering group have been tasked with bringing together the 1st year priorities. Today's input will feed into this process and they will pull this together over the next couple of months.

Learning Disability Strategy Section update - Rachel Koivunen - CEO - People in Action

Rachel became a rep for the Third Sector Strategy last year. Rachel wants to make sure that both the people the third sector supports and third sector staff are having their voices heard.

The steering group had to look at what the objectives might look like in action. This has come from numerous conversations and meetings across the sector with Rachel collating this. Today the plan is to look at what Rachel has pulled together and then feed back on this. Rachel wants to make sure she has a broad third sector perspective to bring back to the steering group.

Review of the Draft Learning Disability Sections of the Strategy and its Objectives - Break Out Rooms

The group was split into 5 break out rooms to discuss different objectives of the strategy and then feed back.

Objective 6 - Business development, contracting and partnership working

- There is a need to have clear communication, reviews and notice periods re: the change or withdrawal of provision.
- Less short-term and more at least medium-term contracts to allow projects to grow and establish themselves.
- For people who struggle to approach funding some examples of how it works or how it might work would be helpful so that more members of an organisation can feel confident discussing this. Guidelines for funding for different sizes and types of organisation i.e. discouraging small organisations from going for big pots of funding etc. - Could link in with VAL's funding training.
- Guidance on what types of project might be joint projects - Examples and best practice.

Learning Disability Priorities for the first 12 months and general themes - Break Out Rooms

The group was split into break out rooms again to discuss the priorities for the first 12 months and then feed back.

Summary of feedback:

- Acting on the priorities needs to be co-produced as much as possible with people with learning disabilities. Everyone involved must have high quality training in accessibility - Could link up with CHANGE and Advonet etc.
- In terms of self-management of long term conditions - Need to be clear what these conditions are and who they would be working with.
- Need to link up with other older people's organisations like Age UK etc. so that older people with learning disabilities' needs outside of LD are linked in.
- For third sector organisations to be resilient they need reliable funding.

Thoughts / Next Steps

Caroline and Rachel thanked everyone for contributing and said the discussions were very helpful. This is all part of a long term commitment to having better conversations together. Please contact Rachel if you need to discuss the work further on: rachel.koivunen@peopleinaction.org.uk

Rachel wants to make sure that she is sharing info from the steering group meetings and bringing your feedback to the group also.

Jez closed the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday 19th May 2021 2:00 - 3:30pm

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