

## Building Community Networks booking form

I would like to attend the Building Community Networks conference on 18 February 2009.  
Complete one form per delegate, photocopies are accepted.

Register before  
31 December and save up to  
£30!

Please choose rate:

- Statutory sector rate: £195 (£225 after 31 December)  
 Voluntary sector rate: £110 (£130 after 31 December)  
 Self-advocate / Family carers rate: £40

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I enclose a cheque for £       made payable to the Mental Health Foundation

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Please invoice my organisation, quoting purchase order no.

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Name of cardholder

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Sort Code: 18 00 02  
Account #: 39921441  
Reference: FPLD BCN 2009

First name

Surname

Job title

Organisation

Address

Postcode

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Special requirements (diet, access and communication)

Payment is required in advance. Places are not confirmed until payment has been received. The cost includes refreshments and associated materials. Confirmation and venue details will be sent out on receipt of payment.

Cancellations must be in writing two weeks prior to the conference date. We regret that refunds cannot be made after this date but we are happy to accept substitute delegates.

Please complete the booking form and return to:

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18 February 2009  
9.30 am - 4.00 pm  
Wellcome Collection  
Euston, London

# Building Community Networks

Lessons from *Life in the Community*



**MixIT**  
The 1st Inclusive Pop Band



Also featuring  
Anne Williams

Inspiring one another to  
include people with learning  
disabilities in our communities.

Foundation for People  
with Learning Disabilities

The latest in our series of annual events will focus on learning the lessons from the Foundation's **Life in the Community** project. The day will be both a celebration of participants' achievements and an opportunity to find out what you can do to make it happen in your community.

Highlights will include:



- A series of short films telling the story from each of the sites that took part, culminating in an awards ceremony
- The launch of guidance about how to get a community connecting service off the ground
- Essential information for commissioners and managers of services
- Interactive workshops led by the people who took part in the project
- Research findings from the evaluation of the project
- The national perspective about why the project has important lessons for Government policy
- A performance by MiXiT, the first inclusive pop band from Moveable Feast.



Find out more about what happened at each of the **Life in the Community** sites and hear from the experts in our 'chat shows'. Each show will begin with a short film made by one of the sites highlighting how the project has affected the lives of some of the people taking part. The screening will be followed by a chat show during which you can hear from the stars of the films and get the views of experts in the field. There will also be a chance for you to put questions to the guests and air your own views.

**The Business Programme** explores how people with high support needs can set up their own businesses .

- The film 'Let's Get a Job' shows how the William Morrison Enterprise Trust supported young people with learning disabilities into the world of work.
- Keith Bates will be on hand to offer expert advice about setting up a business.

**Getting Connected** explains the role of 'community connectors' and provides hints and tips about setting up a community connections service.

- 'Living the Life' is a film about the work of 'community connectors' employed by Grapevine in Coventry.
- Clare Wightman from Grapevine will talk about the guidance she has written for the project about good practice in community connecting.

**This Time It's Personal** is about the use of self-directed support and how the people who buy services (commissioners and care managers) can help to make this happen.

- 'Connecting Communities' is an account of the support provided by the Tamarisk Trust to a group of people with high support needs in Barnet.
- Jeanne Carlin who helped evaluate the project will talk about some advice she has written for people who buy services.

**Who Decides?** gives some practical examples of how people with high support needs can be helped to make decisions about their lives and what happens when they are unable to do so.

- 'Get In There' tells the story of how Penny Grimmer from the Brandon Trust helped people across three local authority areas to get more involved in their local communities.
- Marcus Jepson from the Norah Fry Research Centre will share his work on how the Mental Capacity Act is being used to support people make decisions.

## Anne Williams

As the new National Director for Learning Disabilities Anne Williams will oversee the next stage of the cross-Government 'Valuing People Now' strategy. As the first president of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, she has been instrumental in developing the new alliances adult social care formed after the old social services departments were broken up.



## MiXiT

MiXiT is the first inclusive pop band from Moveable Feast, the internationally renowned inclusive theatre company. Unique in that they harness the experiences and strengths of family members and people with learning disabilities to present on cutting edge issues. They have been performing for 6 years and have toured across the UK and Europe and shortly in the United States.



## Programme

09.15	Registration and coffee
10.00	Welcome <i>Barbara McIntosh and Andrew McCulloch</i>
10.20	Reel Lives in the Community Short film about the lives of some of the people who took part in the projects
10.40	What we have learned about supporting people with high support needs in the community <i>Paul Swift and Molly Mattingly</i>
11.15	Break
11.30	Chat shows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Business Programme</li> <li>• Getting Connected</li> <li>• This Time It's Personal</li> <li>• Who Decides</li> </ul>
12.30	Anne Williams
13.00	Lunch
14.00	MiXiT
14.45	Chat shows (as above)
15.45	Discussion: Where do we go from here? <i>Molly Mattingly and Paul Swift</i>
16.30	Close

All delegates will receive summaries of the project report in text and accessible versions, a DVD containing the stories of some of the people who took part, good practice guidance on community connecting and advice to commissioners about supporting people to get