

Building Community Networks

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

6 December 2007, 9.30am - 4pm
Wellcome Collection, Euston, London

Community involvement, employment opportunities, relationships and friendships are a high priority for people with learning disabilities. Despite this, people with learning disabilities are still being excluded from mainstream community life. Opportunities for people to have meaningful and valued roles in their own locality are limited, particularly for people with high support needs.

“Once I found myself crying simply because I was watching an elderly woman with a developmental disability make butter tarts... She moved about in freedom as if the air had the buoyancy of water. This is what we work for: real lives in real communities for real people.”

Dave Hingsburger, *The Art of Being Human*, Brookes Publishing, 2001

We are pleased to have Dave Hingsburger joining us on the day to share his energy, commitment, and intensity that he exudes, in inspiring us in supporting people to get real lives in real communities.

Speakers include:

Dave Hingsburger

Dave Hingsburger is an internationally renowned behavioural therapist who works to provide direct service to people with developmental disabilities. He is a consultant for schools, parents and agencies regarding problematic behaviour. For six years he was the sex clinic coordinator at York Behaviour Management Services in Richmond Hill, Ontario. He is in private practice providing education and consultation for staff and agencies and counselling for people with disabilities.

Barbara McIntosh

Barbara is a Co-Director of the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities, part of the Mental Health Foundation. Barbara worked for a number of years in the NHS and Social Services where she specialised in disability, working both with adults and children. Her particular interests are in the area of re-shaping public sector services to be more person centred, developing community participation for disabled individuals and shifting power to those who use services and their families.

Molly Mattingly

Molly is an Assistant Director with the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities and has supported people with learning disabilities for over 25 years in various roles. She has extensive experience in many aspects of developing community services, which includes agencies converting from day centre and residential services to individualised community support services and employment. Much of Molly's work has focused on various approaches to person centred planning with individuals; training staff and families.

This event brings people together who want to:

Increase the ability of communities to welcome and include people with learning disabilities

Develop a network of professionals, families and self-advocates to promote real change

Share information about innovation, over-coming barriers and making real progress.

Programme

09.30	Registration and coffee
10.00	Welcome Barbara McIntosh <i>Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities</i>
10.10	Molly Mattingly <i>Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities</i>
10.30	Dave Hingsburger Connecting with people who have significant support needs - from his work in 'First Contact'
11.30	Break
11.45	Speaking Up Cambridge
12.30	Lunch and Market Place
13.30	Theatre group
14.15	Individual Workshops: Dave Hingsburger Taking things forward for people with significant disabilities and their rights to citizenship Paul Swift <i>Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities</i> Access all areas - Evaluating public services for people with learning disabilities Keith Bates <i>Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities</i> In Business Richard Francis Brandon Turst My Circle of Support
15.15	Break
15.40	Dave Hingsburger
16.00	Close

The final programme may be subject to change

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Please complete the booking form details and return to:

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About the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities

We promote the rights, quality of life and opportunities of people with learning disabilities and their families. We do this by working with people with learning disabilities, their families and those who support them to:

- do research and develop projects that promote social inclusion and citizenship
- support local communities and services to include people with learning disabilities
- make practical improvements in services for people with learning disabilities
- spread knowledge and information.

If you would like to find out more about our work, please contact us.

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