

Building Community Networks

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

20 September 2006, 9.30am - 4pm,
BMA House, Tavistock Square, Euston, London

Community involvement, 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.

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.

Speakers will include:

Peter Oakes

Peter trained as a clinical psychologist and has worked alongside people with learning disabilities for more than 20 years. His career has included posts in the voluntary sector as a director of operations, the university sector as a clinical lecturer and the health service as a clinician and service leader. Peter now works for Castlebeck Care as a consultant psychologist whilst maintaining an honorary lectureship at the University of Hull.

Carl Poll

Carl Poll started KeyRing Living Support Networks, an innovative supported living organisation, in 1990 and ran the organisation until 2003. Carl was a project consultant on the In Control Self-Directed Support pilots and is a member of the In Control core team – with the lead on community development. Carl is also In Control's Director of Communications.

Sarah Stock

Sarah has twenty years' extensive and diverse experience of managing, developing and leading teams, including traditional respite, residential, day, leisure and intensive support services within the learning difficulties field. Over the last 3 years Sarah has worked for Norfolk County Council. Norfolk Learning Difficulties Service was recently successful in achieving Beacon Status under the Valuing People Theme for 2006/7.

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.

Programme

09:30	Registration
10:00	Welcome Barbara McIntosh Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities
10:15	Pilot sites from Life in the Community Molly Mattingly Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities
11:30	Break
11:45	Self-Directed Support Carl Poll In Control
12:15	Supporting people without a building base Sarah Stock Community Support Team, Norfolk
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch
13:45	Performance, Moveable Feast Arts
14:15	Best practice in day opportunities Barbara McIntosh Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities
14:45	Break
15:00	Individual Workshops - Creating day services - In Control - Voluntary/public/private sector partnership working to deliver support employment services - Connecting using circles of support
15:40	Peter Oakes - Castlebeck Care
16:00	Close

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The conference will focus on:

- How to support communities to welcome and include people with learning disabilities in the mainstream of life
- Seeing that it is possible for people with learning disabilities to have valued roles in communities and community networks that last
- Learning and discussing creative ways to support people to be included in their communities
- Hearing stories, seeing what others have done to build community capacity and networks around people with high support needs
- Learning how to motivate others to become part of developing more community networks

Workshops will share lessons learnt

- **Creating day services without a building base**
Sarah Stock
This workshop will describe the setting up and running of a community based day service for 92 people without a building base.
- **In Control**
Carl Poll
In this session Carl will give examples of how In Control works for individuals through self-directed funding.
- **Voluntary/public/private sector partnership working to deliver support employment services**
Kathy May and Frances Carr
This workshop will outline how the Morrison Trust has brought together the voluntary, public and private sectors to deliver effective employment support for people with learning disabilities. It will also outline methods of working and give case study examples.
- **Connecting using circles of support**
Sue Deeley, Jodie Blobel and Molly Mattingly
We sometimes struggle to understand how to support people in developing a circle of support. Where do you start? How do you support?
Hear 'real life' stories and examples about how circles of support have been used to connect people to their wider communities in England and Australia.

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