

# London Network of Parents with Learning Difficulties

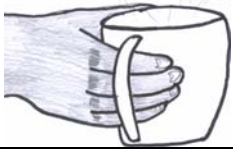
**Date of the meeting: 30/11/10**

**People who were at the meeting:**

**Diane Simcoe, Victoria House, Amanda Plank, Eveline Small, Vicky Tantony, Nabeel**

## Agenda

## Notes



Have tea and refreshments together



Read the minutes of the last meeting

Agree the minutes of the last meeting and feedback on actions



Diane agreed the minutes from last meeting.



## New Members Borough Updates and News

**Islington:** Have 2 new members who joined last week. They will hopefully attend the next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011.

The group recently watched a film called 'I am Sam' It's a Hollywood movie made about 15 years ago with Michelle Pfeifer – the group said they had really enjoyed the film as it represented a parent with a learning disability and showed how they could be a good parent. The group also visited City Farm. Diane did a talk recently on Health and Safety and last week a session on healthy eating went really well.

Diane said their numbers are low despite 2 new members.

They have had their funding cut by 50% which will affect their whole organisation.

The group will be starting the Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities training in January.

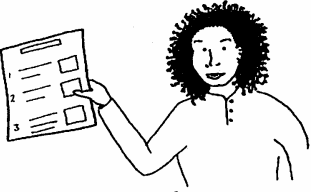
**Camden:** send apologies they were held up by the snow.


**Greenwich:** Eveline told everyone that she had taken the tour of Houses of Parliament with Vicky. The MP Nick Raynsford had cancelled that meeting so no other parents had gone. Nick did however meet with the Parents Group last Friday. He was shown a film about a parent with a learning disability 'Mothers Day' and spoke with the group about the issues facing parents with a learning disability in Greenwich. He asked what they would like him to do? The group told him that they would like him to talk to Adults and Childrens services about agreeing and working to the Protocol. Nick said that he will be meeting the Heads of both services soon and will make sure he talks to them about this, He agreed to get back to the group once he has the meeting.

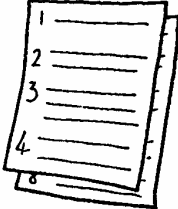

Amanda, Eveline, Vicky and Victoria recently delivered their training/session to professionals in Greenwich about working well with parents with a learning disability. It went well and the feedback was very positive.

*Note: Nick Raynsford did advise that other Parents groups should arrange meetings with their local MPs to inform them more about what its like for parents with a learning disability and show them the film.*

The group are now thinking about possibly writing to David Cameron.

		<p>Vicky told everyone that The Parents Project has just received some funding from Esme Fairbanks.</p> <p><b>Lambeth:</b> Apologies – unable to attend. Diane reminded everyone that everyone must get any information to Lambeth by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that they want on their stall.</p> <p><b>Haringey</b> Although not able to attend today, Diane told everyone that they will be attending hopefully next year. They have been running a course for Parents with a learning disability in conjunction with Respond. It deals with the different issues relating to parenting</p>
	<p><b>Parenting Toolkit</b></p> <p><b>Valuing People Training</b></p>	<p>Diane will ensure that the publicity goes out for the training day. There will be 3 seats per borough, which means 90 places in total.</p> <p>It is to be filmed, but the film will go straight on the website as there is no money to make a DVD, Diane said that the problem with that is that not everyone has internet access.</p> <p>Lambeth are doing the stall, all info from each group must be with them by the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.</p> <p>The meeting of the training group who are organising the Toolkit will be on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011.</p>

	Anything else	<p>Everyone agreed that the next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January will be a 'social' meeting. All agreed that we will have the meeting part of it first, from 12.30pm followed by the social.          Everyone to bring food and drinks.          Vicky will email Donna from Lambeth to ask whether they have the facilities to play background music.</p> <p>Hosting meetings ; All agreed that the Borough who hosts the meeting and writes the minutes is also responsible for ensuring that the invites go out for the next London Parents Network meeting. We will see how this goes.          Vicky said that people can be directed to the website for directions and maps of each group.          Diane said that Islington have a student placement starting in January so if people want we could ask them to take the responsibility of minutes and invites.          All agreed to consider that at the time.</p>
	<b>Dates For the Future</b>	
		<p>14 January People First Lambeth, 12.30 until 2.30 New Year Social Meeting</p> <p>14 February Camden 12pm – 2pm.</p> <p>15 March Islington 11am-1pm.</p> <p>6 May Greenwich 11am-1pm.</p>

 		
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