

London Network of Parents with Learning Difficulties

Date of the meeting: 31 March 2010

Venue: The Elfrida Society Islington Office



People who were at the meeting:

1. Diane Simcoe, Elfrida Islington
2. Kim Tran, Elfrida Islington
3. Sean, Elfrida Islington
4. Nabeel Akram, Islington
5. Paulina Ramos-Irele, Advocacy Project, New Ham
6. Esther Olusanjo, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
7. Jummy, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
8. Lisa Stone, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
9. Lisa Newman, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
10. Diana Molony, Camden
11. Kath Dawson, Advocacy Project, Camden
12. Jackie McMorrow, Camden
13. Kevin McMorrow, Camden
14. Corina Cass, Camden
15. Sammy Smith, Camden
16. Jill Huntessmith, Camden
17. Vicky Tantony, Greenwich
18. Eveline Small, Greenwich
19. John , Centre for Psychology, East London
- 20.

Chairperson: Nabeel Akram, Elfrida Islington

Agenda

Notes



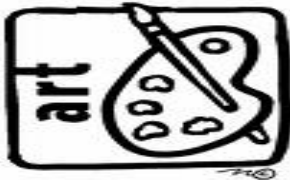
Have tea and refreshments together



Minutes of the last meeting

- Nabeel read the minutes of the last meeting of the London Parents Network on 24 February in Tower Hamlets
- There has not been any feedback since the last meeting

Updates from boroughs



Camden

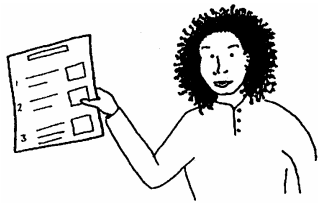
Art Course:

- Just finished 10-week Art Course. Another one to start in April/May
- Information about the Art course should go onto the website of the Network



Funding:

- FACT is helping Camden in raising fund
- They support themselves
- Some funding will come from Respond
- Elfrida Camden funds for courses such as Hate Crime, Bullying, Safeguarding Adults



Greenwich

Toolkit:

- There is a problem in promoting to use the Toolkit in Greenwich – the Partnership has not got any answer about the Toolkit and does not seem to be interested in the Toolkit.



Islington

New members:

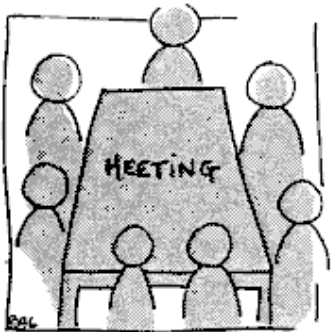
- A few new members have joined the self advocacy group
- The Parents Project had its last Coffee Morning on 15 March
- **The Parents Peer Support Group** will start on Tuesday 4th May.
- This is a new project funded by Cripple Gate for two years, two days a week.
- There will be some new members.
- The group will aim to self lead and support each other.
- Members of the group to learn new skills to run the group independently with help and support from Diane and Kim.


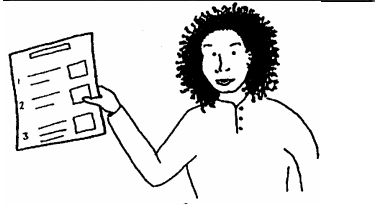



Tower Hamlets

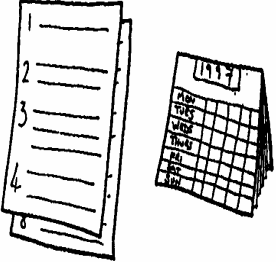
- The parents support group meets every Wednesday
- There will be a forum on 28 April

New Ham

- The Parents Group meets every Tuesday



	<p>Information</p> <p>Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The adapted version of the Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities Course has been running in the Islington for parents with learning difficulties. - The course should be run in other boroughs as well - Diane is permitted to make hard copies of the course handouts and if anyone interested, please ask Diane for a copy.
	<p>Toolkit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DVD is a good idea as a method to train people to use the Toolkit
	<p>Website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is limited budget to train people to put information onto the website, therefore, information still need to go through Diane and Keith who will put information onto the website.
	<p>Good News</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have done well over the last years, putting parents with learning difficulties on the agenda of the local authorise, making adults and children services to work together
	<p>Difficulties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camden said that the government does not seem to help people with learning difficulties. They cut funding, budgets and make people suffer - In Camden, Adults and Children services do not seem to work together

	IDEAS For the Future of the Network	
	Dates For the Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greenwich: Wednesday 12th May, from 11am to 1pm- Camden: Monday 14th June, from 12pm to 2pm- Newham: Tuesday 6th June