

## London Network of Parents with Learning Difficulties

**Date of the meeting:** 12 May 2010

**Venue:** Greenwich







### **People who were at the meeting:**

1. Ali, Elfrida Camden
2. Danniell, Camden
3. Maria, Camden
4. Musa Khan, Camden
5. Diana, Camden
6. Corina, Camden
7. Kevin, Camden
8. Diane Simcoe, Elfrida Islington
9. Kim Tran, Elfrida Islington
10. Nabeel Akram, Elfrida Islington
11. Paulina Ramos-Irele, Advocacy Project, New Ham
12. Debbie Ward, Advocacy Project, New Ham
13. Janet Idowu, Advocacy Project, New Ham
14. Esther Olusanjo, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
15. Wendy Robinson, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
16. Lisa, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
17. Malika, Advocacy Project, Tower Hamlets
18. Vicky Tantony, Greenwich
19. Eveline Small, Greenwich
20. Peter Buckland, Greenwich
21. Donna Pearson, People First Lambeth
22. Christina Watkins, People First Lambeth

**Chairperson:** Diana, Camden

## Agenda

## Notes

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	Have tea and refreshments together	
	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Diana (Camden) reads the minutes of the last meeting in Greenwich</li><li>- Diane (Islington) provided further information about the toolkit and training days: This is the training on how to use the Toolkit. The training is for key people from partnership boards such as chairpersons or members. The Valuing People team cannot provide a training room until September. The dates to be set.</li><li>- Ali has started her role as a sessional worker with Camden parents group</li></ul>
	<b><u>Training On Using The Toolkit</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To organise two preparatory sessions: one in Islington and one in Greenwich. These two sessions are to prepare professionals and parents on how to design and deliver the toolkit training to key persons from partnership boards in September.</li><li>- Could make film of the training and deliver to other partnership boards who do not attend the training. The film could be done at the training at Waterloo</li></ul>
	<b><u>Updates from boroughs</u></b>  <b>Camden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sponsored walk to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June</li><li>- They are working on training on how to raise money</li><li>- There are new members of staff</li><li>- There is a dance performance on coming Sunday at the Arsenal stadium, it's free to come and there are things for sale for raising money</li><li>- Art club on Wednesday morning by ActionSpace for parents with learning difficulties</li><li>- 25<sup>th</sup> July: street party in Kentish town. Please bring old stuff (toys, etc.) for sale to raise money. Information stall to be set up. You have to pay £25 to set up a stall to make money.</li></ul>



**Tower Hamlet**

- 14<sup>th</sup> July: forum for professionals to discuss about parents with learning difficulties

**Islington**

- COT (the parents peer support group) has started. More members are wanted
- COT to go on a canal trip with the Out & About Group on Tuesday
- There are events for people with learning difficulties such as Wildbunch night on 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- Strengthening Families Strengthening Community finished on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Lots of people came to celebrate on the day. There was really good bonding between members of the course. The next course is to take place in September
- Trying to make local authorities to fund the delivery of the course to parents with learning difficulties and make it as part of the Network's agenda
- The Parents Project has started working in Havering in a project for parents with learning difficulties



**Greenwich**

- The partnership board is looking at the toolkit and parents are trying to make the partnership board to feedback on this. Still no action so far from the partnership board
- A local MP has replied about the self-advocacy group requesting to visit the House of Parliament and meet a member of parliament to talk about parents with learning difficulties



**Lambeth**

- People First to have a training with the Partnership Board in July
- They are concerned about the separation between parents and their children; how to keep contact with children.
- Christina Watkins to look on the website of the Network and put her stories and advices on how to keep contact with children

**New Ham**

- Will hold the next Network meeting July 6<sup>th</sup>

