

VALUING ALL PEOPLE

MAKING VALUING ALL PEOPLE WORK FOR ALL COMMUNITIES

A Development Support Programme from the Valuing People Support Team

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***Determined to make sure Valuing People Works for all local people?
Got a team ready to work together to make a difference?***

Learning Difficulties and Ethnicity (Mir et al 2001) reminded us that people from minority ethnic communities with learning disabilities are not getting a fair deal. Rob Greig's report to the minister on progress with Valuing People confirms this is still the case. We see this also in the findings of a recent Partnership Board survey. This concern is reflected in the decision to make ethnicity a new priority for the Learning Disability Development Fund. The VPST will be reviewing progress again later in the year.

Valuing all People was run for nine Partnership Boards in 2004/5 to help them make improvements and we now want to make it available to more Boards. Teams from the first programme found it offered:

"A chance for the group to gain confidence/knowledge/focus"

"Sharing of good practice national and local... getting together gives strength"

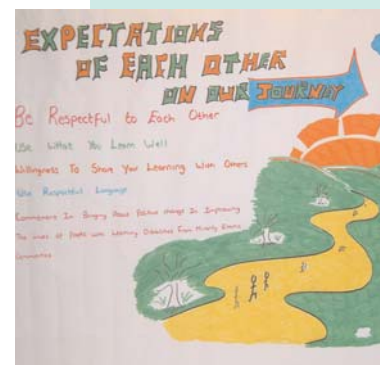
"Learning about new developments and changes"

"Information on up and coming initiatives"

"Time to focus locally...useful for us to work together as a local group at reasonable pace"

"Having 'timeout' to take this work forward"

The teams are currently writing reports about the many local actions that have taken place resulting from their plans



What will the programme offer?

- Local planning and preparation meetings before the start of the course
- Three twenty-four hour residential development sessions and two recall days. These are designed to help your team to plan and deliver local action to improve services and supports for people with learning disabilities from minority ethnic communities
- Advice and support from expert consultants and people who can share their practical experiences of making change happen
- Access to a dedicated web-site and bulletin board and links to other teams and projects across the country
- Email and telephone advice between sessions



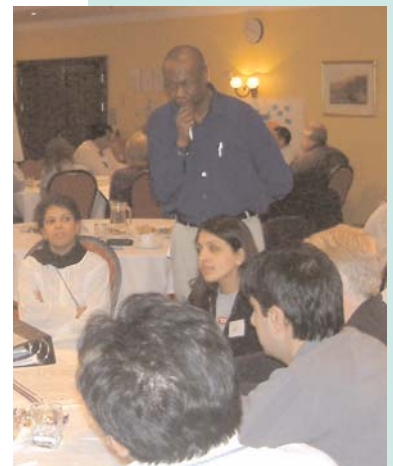
What is expected of you?

- Teams should be made up of 5-6 members (including any needed support for self-advocates). To make sure teams have the expertise and the influence to drive improvements they must include:
 - ♦ *Lead officer or chair of the Partnership Board*
 - ♦ *At least one self advocate and/or family carer*
 - ♦ *A senior officer responsible for equality and diversity from one of the main statutory agencies*
 - ♦ *A member who can allocate significant time resources to support action*
- Full participation in the whole programme by all team members
- Commitment to plan, take and demonstrate action
- Willingness to share your learning and development with colleagues at regional and national levels.



What will it cost?

VPST and NHS Leadership Centre are providing a 25% subsidy so the course will run at well below cost price. This means that a team place can be offered at £4750 plus VAT for the whole programme. This covers the cost of the programme including overnight hotel accommodation for the residential sessions. Teams will be expected to pay travel and other expenses and for necessary support for self-advocates (other than venue accommodation costs).



Dates

- Closing date for applications is **August 12th**
- Local preparation meetings will take place in **September**
- The three residential modules will take place on **17/18th October 2005, 12/13th December 2005, 6/7th March 2006**. They will take place at the Marriot Worsley Park Country House Hotel, Manchester.

Application

- Applications are invited from the Partnership Board teams from the North West, North East, Yorkshire and Humber, West Midlands and East Midlands
- A maximum of ten teams from across the North and the Midlands will be selected to take part based on information from application forms. We are looking for applicant teams to demonstrate that they are in a position to take forward significant action. If you have questions you need to ask before you decide whether to apply, contact Nabela Rahim on 01254 306858, Nabela.Rahim@nwttdt.com.



If you would like your application to be considered please complete the attached form and return it by email by August 12th 2005 to Sheila.Stirling@nwttdt.com

APPLICATION FORM

1. Names, roles and contact details of team members

(to include any support for self advocates):

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2. What arrangements do you have or are you planning to put in place to improve local services and supports to people with learning disabilities from minority ethnic communities?

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3. How do you think that participation in this programme would be helpful to your Partnership Board?

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4. What specific content do you think that your team would find particularly useful?

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