

COMMUNITY CONNECTING AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK



A FOUR SESSION PRACTICAL ACTION LEARNING PROGRAMME

Person centred planning and person centred approaches are leading us to the point where we realise that many people receiving supports are wanting to lead a life where their inclusion is a reality. People are wanting to:

- ⇒ Develop natural relationships and friendships
- ⇒ Be included in community activities and groups
- ⇒ Access ordinary community resources: social and recreational groups, community centres, colleges, etc.
- ⇒ Feel a sense of belonging and fulfilment

So the nature of the supports people are receiving needs to change; and people need staff to be:

- ⇒ Bridge builders, community connectors, door openers, community capacity builders
- ⇒ Promoting and ensuring self-determined lifestyles and self-determined supports
- ⇒ Enablers of friendships, relationships and natural supports

This new programme is designed to help support staff from a range of settings to develop and put into practice the skills necessary to make fulfilling lives a reality. It is best suited to teams of six people which should include front-line staff working in day and supported living services, first-line managers, self-advocates family members and personal assistants. Participants may wish to build teams around an

individual self-advocate who wishes to develop a more inclusive lifestyle. It will be possible to arrange for different sized groups to participate.

Each of the four sessions will be both practical and interactive. As well as providing an introduction to each of the concepts outlined below, we will there will be a number of activities and exercises for participants to work on in a supportive environment. These can then be taken back and used in the workplace both with individual people and sharing with other colleagues in order to help people to achieve the lifestyles of their choosing in reality.

SESSION 1
Widening everyone's horizons
What may be possible
Fulfilling lives
In Control

SESSION 3
Harnessing community resources
Knowing what's out there
Developing community capacity
Developing partnerships

SESSION 2
Increasing choice
Increasing control
The quality of life approach
Building friendships & relationships

SESSION 4
Project planning
The planning by consequence tool
Make it real
Making it sustainable

This programme is being run in three separate locations to keep travelling time to a minimum and will take place as follows:

Venue/ Teams from:	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3:	Session 4:
Merseyside & Cheshire	Tuesday 3 rd October	Tuesday 7 th November	Tuesday 28 th November	Tuesday 16 th January
Lancashire & Cumbria	Tuesday 4 th October	Wednesday 8 th November	Wednesday 29 th November	Wednesday 17 th January
Greater Manchester	Thursday 5 th October	Thursday 9 th November	Thursday 30 th November	Thursday 18 th January

Venues will be arranged based on location of participants, and details of these will be provided two weeks before the first session. Each session will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A light lunch and drinks will be provided.

Cost:

NWTDT subscribers: £1,200 (+VAT) for team of six people for the whole programme
Non subscribers: £1,500 (+VAT) for team of six people for the whole programme
NWTDT subscriber vouchers may be used for this programme.

For further information on this programme, please contact Paul Clarke

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Booking Form

Date of event & venue:	October 2006 – January 2007	<i>Please tick appropriate box</i>
Fee:	NWTDT subscribers: £1,2000 + VAT @ £210.00 = <u>£1,410.00</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(team of up to six)	
	Non subscribers: £1,500.00 + VAT @ £262.50 = <u>£1,762.50</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(team of up to six)	
Closing date:	22 nd September 2006	

I wish to reserve a place for a team of 6 on the following programme:

Greater Manchester

Lancashire & Cumbria

Merseyside & Cheshire

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Email: _____

Subscriber rate

Non subscriber rate

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to City of Salford (NWTDT)

Please invoice for the attention of:

Name: _____

Invoice address: _____

Telephone no: _____

Your order no: _____

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