

# Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG) Chair's Report



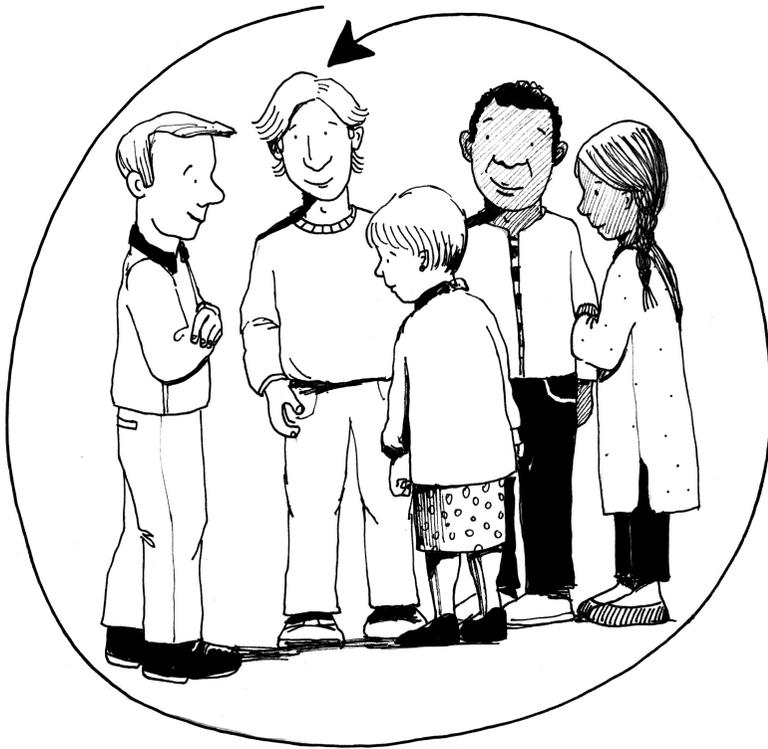
November 2007-December 2008

# Overall



- Developed the way we work
- Developed SIWG grants
- Involved more people
- Looked at important plans and services
- Looked at Council Equality Impact Assessments

# Developing our Group



- First Development Day
- Looked at objectives
- Planned our work and use of money
- Inclusive meetings
- More people joined us
- Developed joint projects

# Using SIWG money

Helped us to:

- Communicate with the community
- Gather information from the community
- Co-fund an Inclusive City Forum scheme



# Involving more people



- Expert witnesses
- Student-volunteers
- "Disabled People Together" day
- Community surgeries
- "Help us to Get it Right" day (the EIAs Fair)
- Surveys and forums
- Engaging our communities better

# Looking at Council and other plans

We made sure Council  
Executive knew our  
views on:



- A Centre for Independent Living
- The Local Development Framework
- Inclusive York antipoverty strategy
- Council Marketing and Communications work
- Taxi licensing
- Council equality strategy 2005-8: 2<sup>nd</sup> year update
- Council Single Equality Scheme 2008-9

# Council Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are..

.....tools to help Council officers make sure that Council policies and practices do not have a negative impact on people because of their:

- Gender
- Race
- Disability
- Age
- Religion and Belief
- Sexual Orientation



# Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) Day 5.11.2008



- "Help us to Get it Right" day
- 50 people
- 12 groups
- 9 workshops
- Will help plan services that we need
- Newsletter

# Services at "Help us to Get it Right" Day



- Information and access to Leisure Services
- Contact the Council
- Waste and Recycling
- Adult Social Care
- Children and Young People
- Housing Benefits Abuse (Fraud)
- Safeguarding Adults

# Strategies at Help us to Get it Right Day



- The Future of Our City: The Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Homeless Strategy

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