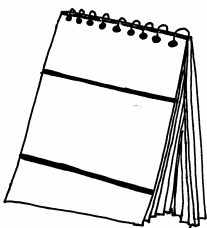


Social Inclusion Working Group

(Social inclusion means including everyone in society. The Social Inclusion Working Group has been set up to look at how all different communities in York can be given the same chances to take part in life and be included)



MINUTES



Date of meeting: 22 November 2006

Members of the Council who were at the meeting (to be known as 'Members' in these minutes):



**Ceredig
Jamieson-Ball
(Chair)**



Sue Galloway



Ian Cuthbertson



David Livesley



David Scott



**Tracey
Simpson-Laing**

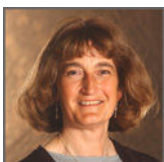
Members of the Council who were not able to come to the meeting:



Ken King



Bill Fairclough



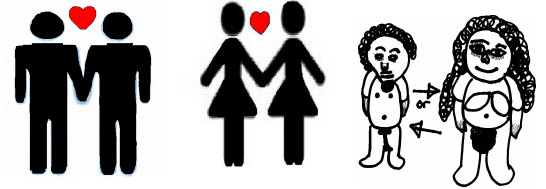
Ruth Potter

People who were at the meeting representing community groups:

Sue Lister and Jack Archer from the Older People's Assembly



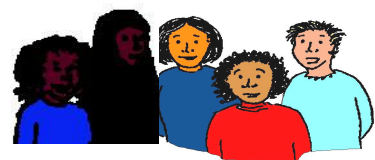
Peter Blackburn, Karen Roberts and Elly Treanor from the LGBT Forum (LGBT stands for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender)



Lynn Jeffries and Alison Cowan from the Disabled People's Forum



Rita Sanderson and Daryoush Mazloum from the BME Citizen's Forum



1. York Centre for Independent Living

Lynn Jeffries and Alison Cowen talked to the Group about plans for a Centre for Integrated Living.



A Centre for Independent Living (CIL) is an organisation controlled by disabled people. It is for all disabled people.



It exists to provide services which help disabled people to live as independently as they choose. Independent living means having choice and control in your life.



Lynn and Alison had talked to many local disabled people and their families about what they think a CIL in York should be like. Disabled people said they welcomed the idea of a user led CIL as part of the move towards a new culture of user led approaches within health and social services.

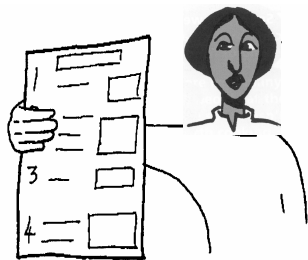




The next step is to set up a steering group of disabled people and their families. This would work with Social Services to try to develop a CIL in York.

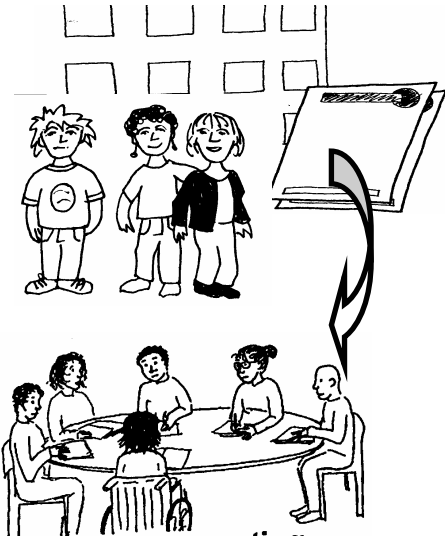


Members of the Group welcomed the report about the idea of a CIL in York. They also said they would like to see the final version of the report when it was ready.

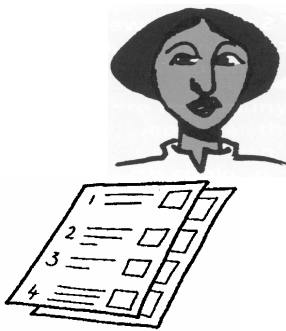


They also wanted officers to come to a future meeting to explain how SIWG could support development of a CIL in York.

2. Involving Young People



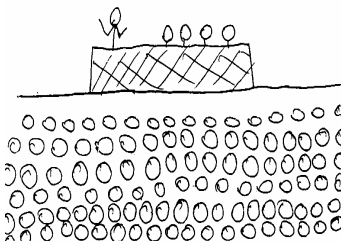
The Group discussed options for involving young people in their meetings:



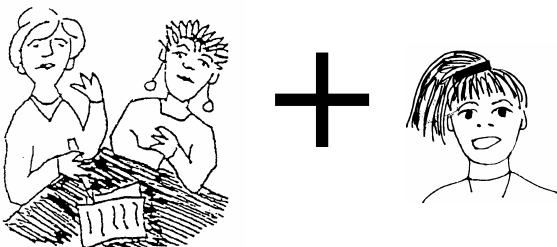
Option A - Officers from the Youth Service to attend the meetings to advocate on behalf of young people.

Option B - The Youth Service advise on the issues that are important to young people.

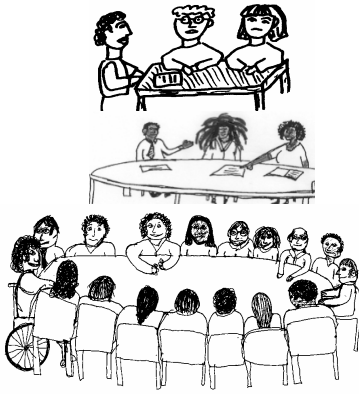
Option C - Hold a once yearly social inclusion event for young people.



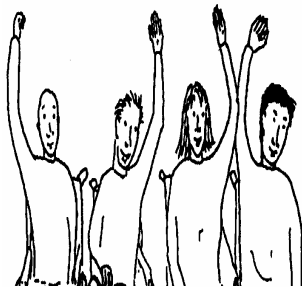
Option D - Offer the community forums an extra young people's representative.



Option E - All of the above.

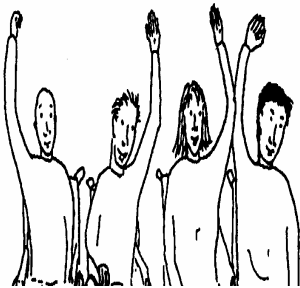


2 small groups discussed the options and suggested the following:



Group one decided they preferred another option - to invite young people from the Youth Council to attend SIWG.

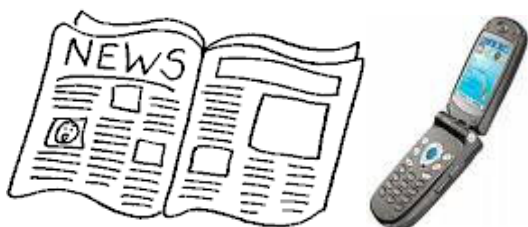
Group two preferred options B and D. The Group also wanted young people under 18 years to have voting rights on the Group if the Council agreed.



The Group agreed that option E was the best. However they wanted it to be the Young Person's Champion who reported the views of young people and not an officer. How well this options work will be reviewed in 6 months time.

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3. Applications for funding.

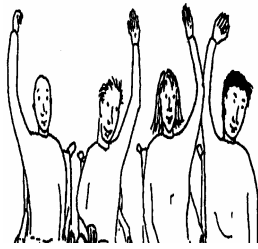


The Older People Assembly (OPA) and The Lesbian Gay Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT)

Forum asked the Group for the money to help them be involved in the Group and to let other people know more about its work.

The Older People's Assembly (OPA) asked for £1,130 to help with the costs of a newsletter, postage and a website.

The LGBT Forum asked for £1,750 for help with the cash of producing a newsletter and to buy a mobile phone.



The Group agreed that this money would help its work and so would pay them money. This would leave the group with £3,000 to spend this year.

4. Community Forum Reports and Feedback

Disabled People's Forum

This has now been set up and had held its first meeting . The Forum also electing a steering group to plan future meetings. This group will elect rep's for future SWIG meetings. This means that Lynn will no longer be the representative for the DPF. She was thanked for all her help and involvement so far.



Older People's Assembly

Sue reported the OPA had helped to organise and host the York 50+ Festival, which was a great success and lots of people attended



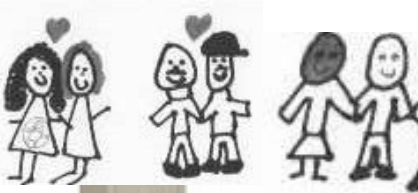
5. Future Meetings



The Group thought about other things it would like to talk about at future meetings.



- Discuss the new laws to stop age discrimination and what the council is doing about it.



Confidential !

- The Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender Forum (LGBT) will tell the group how it thinks the council should check whether it is treating LGBT people fairly.



- Discuss the social barriers that cause disability.



- Think about ways of using the Group's budget to engage young people and assist them to feed their views into the Group.