

Disabled People Together Day – 28 March 2008

Summary

1. This report is to inform members of key findings from the Disabled People Together Day on 28 March 2008
2. Members are requested to note the findings, pending the outcome of research project currently undertaken by University of York student-volunteers regarding developing a joint voice for disabled people in York. Project findings and suggested next steps are expected to be reported to members in late Autumn 2008.

Background

3. “Disabled People Together” was the event sponsored by SIWG held on Friday 28 March 2008 at the National Centre for Early Music. The event resulted from discussions held by members at past SIWG meetings about supporting the development of a joint forum/voice for all disabled people in York.
4. The purpose was to bring together people from all disability groups in an informal and relaxed way, to discuss working together towards a joint voice for disabled people in York.
5. Forty - four disabled people and carers attended the day. **Annex 1** outlines the programme for the day. George Wood and Fiona Walker, Co-chairs of the York Valuing People Partnership (YVPP) gave a presentation about their experience in leading the YVPP. Sam Holmes leading the team of students from the Student Skills Development Unit at the University of York, gave a presentation about the research project referred to in paragraph 2 of this paper.
6. 30 attendees completed feedback forms. 21 gave very positive feedback. 8 stated that they found the day a bit interesting. There

were no negative comments about the day. 29 attendees stated they would like to attend similar events in the future.

7. The key messages from the day listed in **Annex 2** will be taken on board in the findings of the study referred to in paragraph 2 of this report.

Consultation

8. The event took place following discussions at previous SIWG meetings and forms part of the consultation about developing a joint forum for disabled people in York.

Options

9. None

Analysis

10. N/A

Corporate Priorities

11. Events like this actively contribute to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities

Implications

12. These are as follows:
 - **Financial** - None
 - **Human Resources (HR)** - None
 - **Equalities** – Events of this nature stem from Council Equalities aims and objectives which they help meet.
 - **Legal** - None
 - **Crime and Disorder** - None
 - **Information Technology (IT)** - None
 - **Property** - None
 - **Other** - None

Risk Management

13. N/A

Recommendations

14. To approve and note the comments of the report.

Reason: To facilitate the study currently undertaken concerning the promotion of a joint forum for disabled people in York

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background papers – None

Annexes

Annex 1 : Programme for the day

Annex 2 : Key messages