

# Social Inclusion Working Group (SIWG)

## Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007

### What's gone well with SIWG?

- Informal setting, away from the Guildhall
- Working in small break-out groups
- People are still attending meetings
- Representatives from different groups attend meeting
- Good transition from the Disabled People's Forum to SIWG
- Sharing and learning from community forums
- Having a budget
- Broad range of groups involved
- SIWG helps the council meet it's duties
- Increased awareness of issues and different groups
- Helps identify what needs to happen citywide
- Community groups have an opportunity to talk, not just councillors.

### What can improve?

- Involvement in topics needs to be early enough to influence decisions
- A bullet point-type summary of reports/subjects, with reference to the full report/more info, would be useful for community group members to feedback to their groups
- A balance is needed between council agenda items and community groups agenda items
- Timings of meetings – agreed as 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- Agenda needs to be realistic – not too many items and keep discussions focused and relevant to the topic and SIWG's recommendations
- How does SIWG link to other groups (e.g. Inclusive York Forum and the Local Strategic Partnership)
- How community group representatives link to and communicate with their groups so that their comments aren't just based on their own opinions
- Draw out what's in common between different communities
- Minutes – make clear what the actions are, the timescale, and who's leading.
- Minutes in Easy Read

- Glossary of Terms
- Broaden membership or invite guest speakers eg. Tesco's are good at employing disabled people.
- Practical examples of good practice from else where (links to external guest speakers)
- More workshop-type events/meetings with community groups leading on their area of expertise e.g. Social model of disability.

What is the work plan for the next year? In particular the Sept and Nov meetings.

Agenda item	Meeting	Lead
Improvements to SIWG (1 year on)	Sept	SIWG / Chair
Use of budget (£7,240)	Sept	SIWG / Chair
Future York Report (NB. Pre-information about this report needs to be sent to community groups in August)	Sept	Roger Ranson – AD Economic Development
Community Strategy refresh – Event in October 07 which SIWG members are invited to.	Sept	Denise Simms, Partnerships Team, Without Walls (LSP) (HJ has invited)
Ideas from community groups on future agenda topics and feedback from groups	Standing item	Community groups
Centre for Independent Living update	Nov	Cllr Sue Galloway
Young people's involvement (update)	Nov	Steve Rouse, Equalities Team Leader, Youth Service
BME stakeholders conference in Sept/Oct looking at York's response to the changing BME population	Nov	Heather Rice, Director of People and Improvement
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<a href="#">Easy@york</a> update on how previously identified barriers are being addressed	Jan	James Drury, AD Public Services
DisabledGo – annual update – feedback from community groups, suggested venues to add to the site, Disabled People interested in training as an access	Jan	Heather Johnson and Disabled Go

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Review of the Equality Strategy (2 <sup>nd</sup> year update) and equalities legislation (new legislation, current and future changes)	Workshop in Nov/Dec	Leo Devlin, Heather Johnson, Equalities Team

Heather Johnson  
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