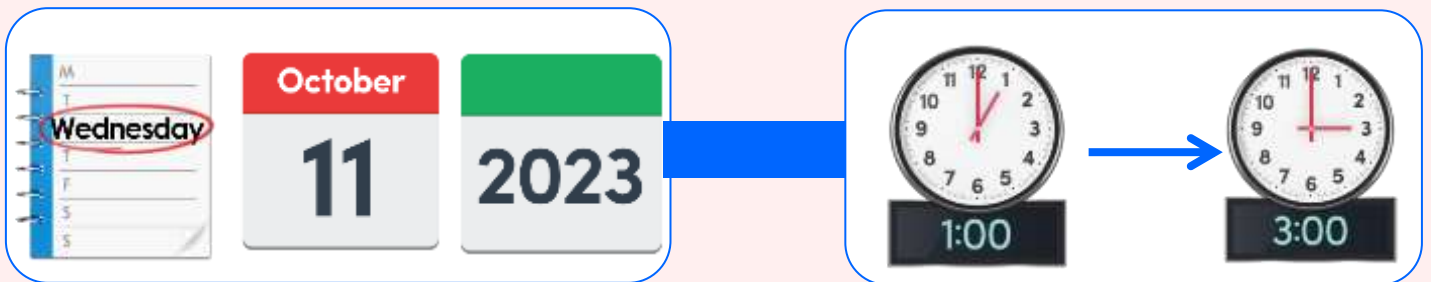




East Surrey Local Valuing People Group Discussion Notes



The meeting was chaired by Sarah Ford

Sarah Ford



Leanne Yeo (was unable
to attend)

You can see a summary of the presentations from this meeting in the East Valuing People Group presentation summary October 2023.

Feedback from the Learning Disabilities and Partnership Board



Amanda gave the update from the Learning Disability Partnership Board. Alex spoke about wheelchair services. He wants to make the service more accessible and tell people how to raise a complaint or concern.

He was able to investigate a couple of cases and was able to get a wheelchair fixed.



One of the design team at Roscare is going on easy read course, so they will be able to make their information in easy read.



There was a presentation about Direct Payments and the survey on the new strategy.

You can find out more from the [minutes of the Learning Disability Partnership Board for September.](#)

Future Planning for the Valuing People Group



Amanda discussed about trying to make the meetings more locally based for next year.

Amanda will send out a survey for members to find out how to make the group better and get more people involved.



She also said that the survey will be a GDPR checker to find out whether people are happy to stay on the mailing list.

Please ensure you complete the survey by **Tuesday 31 October 2023.**



Sarah said she thinks it would be a good idea with have something more sociable in future sessions. Sarah likes the mixture of both in person and at home as she thinks this makes it



more accessible to people. People in the group also gave thumbs up to the idea of hybrid meetings.



Amanda mentioned about using the meeting OWL and said that this will help with hybrid meetings.



Amanda said people liked attending Surrey People's Group in person events, people like the in-person interaction and it being a social occasion.

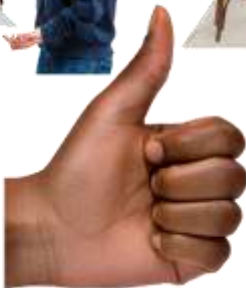




Amanda was wondering whether there are places like hubs in the East where people already go that may be a good place to have a meeting.

Sean suggested Longmead in Redhill as a good place to meet. Sean can ask the manager there if this is possible.

Sean said there are good resources there and having people meet in person works better in terms of building connections.





Sarah asked whether we could do more socials or more activities to create engagement.



During lockdown the group did a show and tell around pets.



We also had achievements from people, what they felt proud about and hobbies that people had.

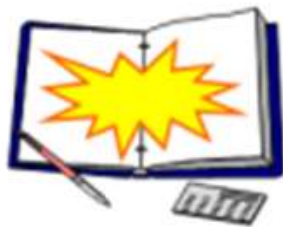


It would be good to get to know each other.



Sean said that Longmead had a radio station that could be used to create a podcast to promote the group and suggested that this might bring more people in.

ACTION



Actions: Members to complete the East Valuing People group survey.

Once we receive feedback, we can decide how we move forward with the meetings for next year.

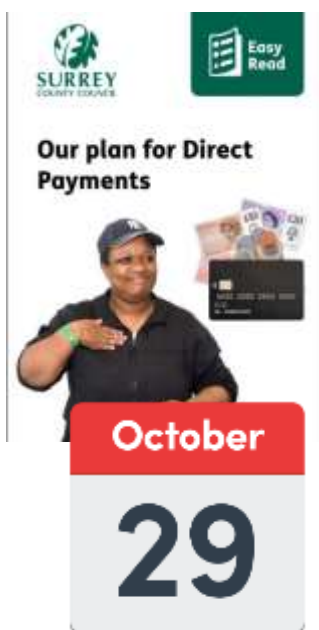
Feedback from the Direct Payment Presentation:



Marnie gave a presentation on Direct Payments.



Marnie talked about what a Direct Payment is and how it can help people.



- She told people about the new Direct Payment Strategy which is now on the council website and asked people to complete the

survey. This is to be completed by the 29 October.

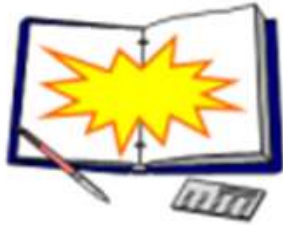


Marnie also told people about the new [travel policy survey](#) which closes on 13 November. This information was recently sent in Latest News.



Marnie also mentioned new travel training that is open to everyone. Referrals to be made through the Adult Social Care team.

ACTION



Actions: Members to complete the surveys described above.

Pro-active Community



Michael gave a talk and presentation of what pro-active community is about and what they do.



The Pro-Active Community has been a charity, since 2020.

We are a group led by adults with experience of living with disability.



They are currently supported by Active Prospects, another charity based in Surrey.



Active Prospects help them with campaigns, meetings and to fund raise.



Recently, some members joined Active Prospects to walk the 100km South Coast Challenge.



Michael said the walk took 4 days which they really enjoyed doing. They walked 63 miles in total and raised just over £10,000 which is going towards to



sensory equipment for services.

Well done to them for their amazing work!

If you would like to find out more about Pro-active Community please email



hello@proactivecommunity.org.uk

Local Updates and Any Other Business



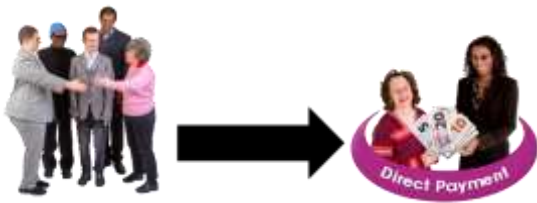
Matt Lole from the YMCA East talked about what they are

offering with 'Life Projects'.

They run centre with activities that are for people who are 16 plus with learning difficulties to maintain or improve their life skills and become part of a group.

Amanda asked whether they accept people that are on direct payment.

Matt said they do a combination, some people who receive funding and some who join with parents support with private funding .





Marnie and Matt will communicate to see how the travel training can help with this Project.



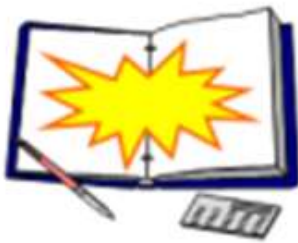
Sean said that he is trying to get an self-advocacy group started. He is trying to promote this service and trying to put together some information.

Amanda said she is happy to help with this and he could also speak with the Pro-Active Community.



Any information can be sent to the Idcommunications@surreycc.gov.uk email address.

ACTION



Action:

People to email

Idcommunicaitons@surreycc.gov.uk about any local issues or information

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be confirmed once we receive feedback from the survey.