



Our Journey Together

Welcome to the Day Opportunities

Transformation Newsletter!

July 2015

Hello and welcome to our 2nd newsletter, written and produced by volunteers.

I'm really pleased to confirm that Day Opportunities will be transferring to City College Peterborough on 1 August 2015 marking the next step in further developing the support that is provided. We've already come a long way increasing community access and developing skills and opportunities through the support that is provided. Over the next six months we will be finalising the plans for the service, looking at where the support is provided, developing Kingfisher and then making those plans happen to continue to transform Day Opportunities. You will be kept up to date through the newsletter and letters and we will continue to work with the Co-Production group.

If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please feel free make contact with any of the people listed on page 4.

Julie Bennett



We need your ideas!

The Co-Production Team are trying to come up with a new name for services, but we need your help.

Some of our ideas are:

Community Connectors, Community Opportunities, Connecting Peterborough, Community Link.

What do you think.....?

Use the comments slip on the back page to jot down any ideas or have a chat with one of the change champions to have your say.



A day in the life of a Job Coach....

Hi, my name is Louise Willmott and I have been a Job Coach for 7 years.

As a Job Coach, part of my duties are to carry out work assessments on new referrals. I have to find a suitable work placement that will meet the needs of both the individual and employer. Agreeing times, days, breaks, any benefits or payments and support that is needed. I then write up a work agreement. This includes the terms and condition for the placement that are then agreed and signed by myself, the employer and employee.

Once this has been established, depending on the individual's needs, I will support on buses to and from work and will provide full support at the work placement until all parties are happy for the support to be reduced down to monitor visits, which are weekly visits to make sure that the job is running smoothly. After 6 weeks at a placement I carry out an appraisal looking at the work agreement previously signed to make sure that the terms are being met. From this I write a new set of terms for the next 6 weeks and so on.

Every day as a job coach is different. I get to meet lots of people from all different backgrounds and I get a lot of satisfaction from the many successes we have.

On the Agenda.... Over recent meetings we have been discussing the following issues:

- ◆ What we need for our complex needs service.
- ◆ What Employment Services will need in order to grow.
- ◆ What do people using services want to be called? Service users, Service Members, People we support?



Enzo's story

Hi, my name is Enzo. I am 59 years old and live in my own flat in Werrington.

In the 1970's I started work at St Peters Adult Training Centre packing hospital supplies for 50p a week. I spent 19 years here doing a variety of work



including woodwork, working in the kitchens preparing food and then working in the greenhouses. Since then I have done various courses at City College and have had a variety of jobs.

Now, I am the founder and chairman of the Lava Lamp. I provide Disability Awareness Training for Workforce Development through Supported Employment. I attend Health and Housing meetings for Adults with Learning Disabilities at the Town Hall. I go to the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Meetings at the Fleet as well as the Network Team Meetings at PCVS. I also volunteer in my spare time at Peterborough City Hospital as an escort and provide Disability Awareness Training to medical staff.

I like to stay busy and the more I do, the better I feel.

Change Champions!



We have Change Champions in each of our locations.

If you have any concerns, ideas or just want an update, find your Champion.

Kingfisher Centre—Becca Spires ,Chris Worley
207297

17 Fletton Ave—Elisabeth Hamilton 890093



49 Lincoln Rd- James Hayes, Ian Worley 207299

441 Lincoln Rd, Employment- Kieran Wightman
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Westcombe Square- Louise Willmott 452662



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Comments and Ideas.

Write down any ideas or comments you have which we can bring to the next Co-Production meeting .

Pass to your Change Champion or drop in to City College Peterborough for attention of Julie Bennett , Service Manager for Employment, Learning and Community Access. Thank You.