

VOICE FLASH REPORT February 2016

Activities

Project visits

December - Visited Open Door – met with Project Leader, Anita Kent who explained what was happening. The members were making Christmas Cards and enjoying the activity. One sat on her own, but Anita explained that some like time out from the group. This showed me that the group were catering for all needs. One of the members who has a severe learning disability was assisting in cooking a meal supported by a 1-to-1 worker. This was really good to see that we are encouraging independence. During the meal each individual's needs were catered for – if they liked their meal in a bowl, on a plate – if they wanted to eat with a spoon – they even had a choice of food. I have recruited a Voice Ambassador from one of the volunteers (due to the severe nature of the disability of the members) and am organising her entry onto the facebook group.

Facebook traffic – we are currently discussing an issue that was highlighted about song choice at Funky Fridays in the closed group. The discussions on Facebook are still quite limited as the members get to grip with how it works.

Rewriting the Voice Role Purpose (attached)

Janet has written the role purpose and I have signed it off to help our members understand what the role entails.

Induction Training including DAT

I supported both Nigel and Alison in looking at the staff and Volunteer induction training package to incorporate DAT and make training more interactive for all participants, still some work to undertake on this to finalise the training package so a further meeting to be planned.

Visit to new person for Voice Group at Daylight – I visited a gentleman at Daylight who is considering if he wants to be involved.

Publicity Group – met with the publicity group and we have written a couple of articles for the newsletter which is now with the printers.

Voice/Ball Planning Meeting – Good session with the Voice Executive Group – discussed a letter to go to Dj's regarding concerns – sent out and result has been positive. Discussed members ball and are looking at hosting this in the North – in the same way that the Black Tie ball was run.

Fatface – collected cheque from Asst. Manager and Manager – almost £900 donated.

Key things for trustees to know

Visiting Totally Arts on 6th February

