

Aiming High Inclusion Network Meeting

Tuesday 1 March 2022

The Chamwell Centre, Gloucester

Your Network News: Information, Requests and Offers

Louise Partridge – TwoCan Inclusive Theatre Company

Creative activities from 0 -100. Primarily for ages 10 -25. Working with organisations including National Star, Butterfly Garden.

Louise Cobb – Orchard Trust

Located near Lydbrook, Forest of Dean. Included at The Orchard Trust:

- New hydro pool
- Accessible activity park
- Animal area

The Orchard Trust is a great asset for families as siblings can be occupied whilst disabled siblings use bespoke facilities like the hydro pool for example.

Online activity sessions are offered.

The Orchard Trust run training so if anyone is looking for generic training courses get in touch. Training suite in the Forest of Dean and Barnwood.

Jan Marriott – Glos ICS

Co-chair three of the partnership boards. A partnership board exists to identify priorities from perspective of those with lived experience to co-produce.

ICS priorities are focussed on social isolation and loneliness.

Also a non-exec director Gloucestershire Health and Care Trust.

Emily Luckham – Inclusion Gloucestershire

Inclusion Gloucestershire is a user led organisation to make lives better for disabled people in Gloucestershire.

Gig buddies – starting off in Stroud. People getting access to community with a friend. Disabled people linking up with a non-disabled peers over a shared interest.

Les Jevins – Podsmead Big Local

Podsmead Big Local was set up in 2012 following lottery funding for areas of deprivation of £1 million investment.

Podsmead is the smallest political area in Gloucester. There is no school in area. Podsmead Big local provide grants for community projects. They have engaged with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to focus on green spaces and making them more accessible.

Latest update: Milton Avenue. New play equipment is wheelchair accessible. Plan to make open space wheel accessible. Section106 money has also supported this project. Inclusive outdoor gym is going to be coming soon.

The Club at Tuffley: Podsmead Big Local funded outdoor play space and other elements of local clubs. They will accept people applying for grants from them but must be within catchment area. Currently in the process of merging with Blackbridge as part of the legacy plan.

Future plans: New Blackbridge redevelopment with centre. Regeneration is also taking place to improve public amenities (more shops, chemist, consultation room).

Podsmead Hub is a community café and first floor community space (no lift). Also have a Community pantry space which is wheelchair accessible. The aim is still to try to connect with the catchment community and run many groups out of the hub. Keen to continue to grow in inclusive practice.

Faith Rooke-Matthews – Springbank Community Group

Based in Cheltenham, the community Pantry was set up in Dec 2020. There is a Community Café which the catering from the café income generates.

Springbank Community Group run inclusive HAF sessions and inclusive Youth clubs.

There is also a community garden.

Katherine Dudley – Spiral Dance Studio

Inclusive dance school in Cirencester. Classes have now reopened.

Kiara and Dean Palmer – G.L.A.D PARENTS

A support group for parents. Activities include a coffee morning for parents and children with a big event every few months. At their 2021 Halloween event there were 120 attendees. The aim is for families to come to do things together. Activities for disabled children and siblings to enjoy at the same location is at the heart of the activities.

Currently looking for funding as have been self-funded so far. The aim is to take the costs away from families as much as possible.

Sarah Woodridge and Laura Fowler – The Spring Centre

A small charity based in Quedgeley. The Spring Centre works with families, children and young people with additional needs. Run an autism support group, activities after school and a young adult day centre. Holiday short breaks are also run from The Spring Centre.

There is a real need for Saturday provision. The Spring Centre own their own building but are unable to provide Saturday staffing so looking to partner with someone who may be able to use the facility.

Emma Gleeve – The Rewild Project

Driven by the need for people to be interacting with nature. There are two areas of focus within the project: craft skills and land based skills. Funding has been received from Barnwood.

Offering open access sessions for local people – local tanning, ceramics, metal works etc.

Forest of Dean is such an amazing location due to the abundance of natural resources.

The Rewild Project teaches skills to local people and run inclusive groups on Tuesday – Friday between 10 and 3. Transport is provided via a minibus.

The Rewild Project is for everyone; young people who are home educated, have learning difficulties, are isolated or have covid-anxiety for example.

The Rewild Project is based at a craft centre in the Forest of Dean.

Currently trying to acquire more land to offer more. Developing growing areas in schools and perennial edible food forests. Passionate about inclusion and will looking forward to sharing slides at a future Aiming High.

Darren Nestola – DLK Inclusion Sports

. DLK Inclusion Sports has been born out of the pandemic.

Rugby based sports offer encouraging children to have fun through the rugby skill set. Rugby delivery for 11 – 16 year olds in special schools. Now moving to pre-school offer with Paternoster.

Work with adults through Longlevens mixed ability rugby team with 50 people so far. Mixed ability world cup in Cork, Ireland is coming up

Harriet West – Art Shape (see featured presentation)

Arts and Health Provision.

Running podcast sessions – ‘make own podcast’ – working with Music Works at the moment and Bridge Training

Lots of provision for Adult Education. Some is on zoom, some is postal and some is face to face. All on Facebook page and You're Welcome.

GEM programme – people looking for work and training. Looking for new referrals.

Vicky Townsend – Children and Families Hub (see featured presentation)

Megan Paul – You're Welcome

FestivALL – description. If you want to get involved get in touch

Andy Herbert – Move More

Deliver PE across primary schools in Gloucestershire

Holiday camps

All Council HAF sessions

Positive parenting

Partnership working for physical activity elements of programmes.

Competitions for all special schools in the county. Considering being lead organisation for some of the short breaks – looking for partnership organisations who can provide other specialisms...Move More have sports covered