

Swale District Partnership Group

Swale District Partnership Group is part of the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board structure in Kent.

The Kent Partnership Board works to take forward the Valuing People agenda and to be a powerful voice for change for people with learning disabilities and their families.

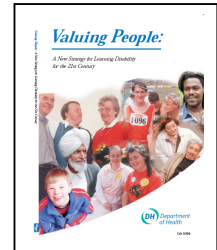


What is Valuing People?

Valuing People is the government's plan for making the lives of people with learning disabilities, their families and carers better.

It is based on people :

- Having their rights as citizens
- Being inclusion in local communities
- Having choice in their daily life
- Having real chances to be independent

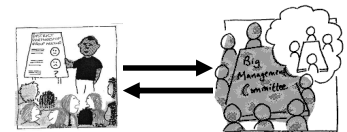


What is the District Partnership Group?

The District Partnership Group provides a voice for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers and supports them to become part of their local community. The Group is run by people with learning disabilities, with support.



The Group meets 6 times each year to discuss and debate issues concerning people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.



The District Partnership Group wants to get to know people with learning disabilities, their families and carers living in the local community and to find out what support and services are needed.



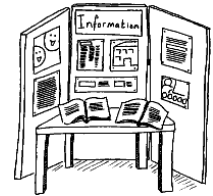
The Group also works with local agencies and other organisations to make local plans which will make good changes for people with learning disabilities and their carers.

Swale District Partnership Group Open Day

The District Partnership Group held an Open Day on 23rd June 2010, to celebrate National Learning Disability Week.

The Group were delighted to welcome Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ben Stokes and Deputy Mayoress, Ms Sylvia Bennett to open the event.

The event provided information about the District Partnership Group and services people may be interested in, including health, housing, care support, social services. It was also an opportunity to showcase community activities and opportunities available within the Swale District. There were also a number of interactive taster sessions throughout the day including African drumming, hair braiding, tai-chi, dance fitness, Pilates and visual impairment workshops.



Health Information



Pilates with Leigh Miles



First Aid from British Red



African Drumming by Diversity House



Dance fitness with Leigh Miles



Hair Braiding by Diversity House



Tai Chi with Dr Matthew Brewer



Life with a visual impairment