

The Learning Disability Partnership Board has funded short-term projects with the Learning Disability Development Fund 2012-13.

The projects aimed to support the 6 priority areas in the Learning Disability Partnership Work Plan for 2012-13:

- Getting people ready for the next step and getting older – projects to support people developing life skills, supporting people to move, increasing awareness of housing options
- Information – providing accessible information or working with others to make information more accessible
- Making sure we include everyone – projects that support hard to reach groups to be represented
- Being healthy and getting Health Checks – projects that improve health or increase take up of health checks
- People being safe in services and the community – helping people be safe in the community, involving people with learning disabilities in checking the quality of services
- Making sure rights of people with learning disabilities are protected – increase understanding of people's rights as citizens including the Mental Capacity Act

Please use this document to record your project's progress and project evaluation to date and return by **Thursday 28th March 2013 to mark.hendriks@brighton-hove.gov.uk**

Project name: Writing about Housing for Through the Next Maze Parent Handbook and the Amaze website

Name of the organisation: Amaze

LDDF monies awarded: £4,250.00

Is your project complete?: NO

Expected project completion date*: August 2013. The whole handbook will be updated and reprinted by the end of August 2013 ready for distribution to parents of young people at the beginning of the new school year in September. We will add information to our website by then too.

Contact details for the project:

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*NB: If your project (as funded through LDDF monies) will not be complete by 31st March 2013, we will ask for a final evaluation according to the completion dates supplied.

Please provide a short (no longer than one page) description of project progress to date:

- Amaze has found out about housing options for young people with learning disabilities.
- We have held two information sessions about housing for parents.
- We have listened to what they'd like included in the housing chapter of Through the Next Maze.
- We have written a draft chapter about housing options for Amaze's handbook 'Through the Next Maze' for parents.
- We have asked for and received feedback and suggested changes to it from Mark Hendriks at Brighton and Hove Council.
- We have interviewed and recorded a parent and a young person's experiences of moving into a Shared Lives Scheme.
- Because of the snow, no parents were able to attend the session on Shared Lives Schemes.
- We still need to interview a few more parents and young people to share their experience of moving from their family home so we can include their stories in the chapter.
- Once we have finished writing the chapter, we will put it on the Amaze website.

With reference to one or more of the 6 priority areas in the Learning Disability Partnership Work Plan for 2012-13, please comment briefly on:

1. How has the project benefited people with learning disabilities?

Parents have attended a session about housing where they have learnt about various housing options for their young people. Once parents have the information in the handbook, or can read it on the Amaze website, they can help support their children to make choices about where and who they live with in the future.

2. What difference did the project make?

(Something extra that was not happening already)

Parents have more information about different housing options for their children in the future.

3. How will this project benefit people with learning disabilities in the long term?

People with learning disabilities will be better supported by their parents when it's time for them to move out of their family home. They will move into accommodation that best suits their needs with the right level of support.

**4. Will the project continue – YES
& please explain why.**

Yes. Now that we have the information about housing, Amaze will update the handbook and our website every two years to keep the information up to date.

Is there anything else you want us to know?

Many Thanks for your project and for making a difference to people with learning disabilities.

The Learning Disability Partnership may invite some projects to present at a future board meeting.