

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: Community Support Team Project

Name of the organisation: BHCC

LDDF monies awarded: £5,800

Is your project complete?: YES/NO In terms of the facilities being made ready and available.

Expected project completion date*: **Facilities in place to commence the skills courses 28/3/13.** The actual roll out of the kitchen skills facilities and courses available are projected for 2013/ 2014 and onwards. The CST has 1 staff member PTTL's trained and has a further 2 being trained prior to August 2013.

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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:

To date the project has mostly been focussed on ensuring that the physical work and agreement to the works being carried out on the Mantel House Site which is owned by Affinity Sutton takes place prior to 28/3/13. The venture involves developing a site that is managed and supported by BHCC staff but is owned by Affinity Sutton. We have worked in partnership with Affinity Sutton to ensure the facilities are in place, and have had to have the projected work surveyed and approved at all stages.

We had researched the potential use of the building facilities prior to making the bid and discussions have taken place with Speak Out, Lifelines and BHCC Day services in relation to other users accessing the building to deliver skills training from. Predominantly cooking skills training at this point. More recently we have been in discussions with BHCC in relation to them accessing the site one day a week.

We have involved the CST user group and day services in the planning for what items we will need to fully equip the kitchen facilities. We have discussed the best use to make of the bathroom facilities with the other users in the Supported Living area of the Mantel House site.

Now that the facilities are physically in place we will from April 2013 onwards be making the other potential space users aware of availability and encouraging them to visit the site, and looking to develop our own organised group skills sessions from September 2013. Individual service users will be able to use both facilities through a booking system with their key workers from now onwards.

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?

This project makes use of a greatly underused space, it provides a space that is small enough to develop training and skills in a space that can recreate a homely environment, while being large enough to support smaller groups. Other facilities available are either on an industrial scale or only available by group bookings. We hope to use this space with our own and other service areas to develop a more inclusive community based aspect to the Mantel House space.

2. What difference did the project make?

(Something extra that was not happening already) We support an increasing amount of individuals who need to evidence skills development and a commitment to managing their own daily living skills, that struggle to access the mainstream daily living skills courses due to not being able to comply with a training course timetable or environment or being vulnerable to their peers. This space provides a further option that is currently difficult for services to secure.

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

As the building is supported by CST and a Supported Living services that currently support people with learning disabilities the space will not require additional funding in order to facilitate this other function. This enhances access to skills for the people currently using the space and also creates a space that includes other community groups. By providing the Day Opportunities services a space to support individuals from this provides more value for money and a greater level of flexibility of services.

4. Will the project continue – YES

& please explain why. As stated above the CST is looking to support individual and groups skills development on an ongoing basis.

Is there anything else you want us to know?

We are really grateful for being given access to the funds to make this possible



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.