

**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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013** to [mark.hendriks@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:mark.hendriks@brighton-hove.gov.uk)**

**Project name:**



**Making Brighton Better**

**Name of the organisation:**



**Speak Out.**

**LDDF monies awarded: £ 5752**

**Is your project complete?: NO**

**Expected project completion date\*: end July 2013**

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\*NB: If your project (as funded through LDDF monies) will not be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> 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:



### **Telling organisations about Thumbs Up**

- **Speak Out trainers have been telling people about thumbs up using Facebook.**
- **Speak Out trainers have been telling people about thumbs up who come to our training**
- **One trainer is being filmed signing the thumbs up pledge for facebook.**
- **Trainers have been taking the information to some businesses around town**
- **We have used different networks to ask people to join, City Camp, CVSF, Scip forum, Supported Employment Contacts, Twitter.**

**We will carry on using these different ways to ask organisation to join.**

**We want to use newspapers to help us tell organisations and get them to join.**

**We want to use business networks like north laine traders and chamber of commerce to help us**

**We are waiting to hear from lots of businesses and services about joining including CVSF, Council Communications Team, Temptation café, and Sussex Police.**



**Who has joined thumbs up?**

- Royal Sussex County Hospital
- Park Centre for Breast Care
- Princess Royal Hospital
- Hove Polyclinic
- Sports Development Team
- Safety Net who support parents.
- Brighton and Hove Training Services
- Demsoc Brighton
- Grassroots Suicide Prevention
- Young Person's Centre







**Training and Advice we have given Thumbs up Organisations:**

- We are helping library with making signage, computer access and customer service better
- We are going to talk to meeting of staff from Department of Work and Pensions, Surrey and Sussex
- We helped Demsoc make City Camp publicity and event more accessible and attended.
- We are running training for Young Person's centre.
- We have run training for the Communications Team and asked them to join up.
- We are going to run two training events in June . All those organisations who join up will get one place on each training.



**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?**


	<p><b>More services and business have joined thumbs up</b></p>
	<p><b>They understand the needs of customers with learning disabilities better.</b></p>
	<p><b>People with learning disabilities are having a say about how the city and services can be better.</b></p>
	<p><b>Speak out trainers with learning disabilities are developing their training skills</b></p>

**2. What difference did the project make?**

(Something extra that was not happening already)

	<p><b>We are working with West Sussex Advocacy groups on a Thumbs Up website.</b></p>
 <p><b>Supermarket</b></p>	<p><b>This will mean Thumbs Up may get more interest from national businesses and organisation.</b></p>

	<p><b>We are making a more accessible list of services who have joined Thumbs Up so people with learning disabilities can choose to go to thumbs up services.</b></p>
<p><b>3. How will this project benefit people with learning disabilities in the long term?</b></p>	
	<p><b>A more accessible City</b></p>
	<p><b>Services listening more to people with learning disabilities.</b></p>
	<p><b>People with learning disabilities included more in the city.</b></p>
<p><b>Will the project continue –</b></p>	
	<p><b>Speak Out Groups can do some telling services to join Thumbs Up after July. We will need more money to do a lot of work on this and provide training.</b></p>

	<p><b>We would like to develop a Safe in Town project asking some of the Thumbs up organisations to be a safe space for someone with a learning disability.</b></p>
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**Is there anything else you want us to know?**

	<p><b>More support from Council, Councillors and LDPB members and individuals to promote thumbs up and use the logo.</b></p>
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**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.**