

West Midlands Regional Self-Advocacy Network

Planning Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 30th July 2019



Who came?



Graeme Smith and Alison Davies
Ruby Walker and Sandra Hill
Sarah Offley
Phil Moran
Claire Allen (Claire took the photo)

Phil is the new Project Worker. He will help us develop West Midlands Regional Self-Advocacy Network



How was the last Regional Network meeting?

- We were disappointed that not many people came



What did we talk about?

The new West Midlands Regional Self-Advocacy Network

This new organisation will help support each self-advocacy group to have a:

- **Part time paid Link Worker** - About 5 hrs per week.
The role will be the link between their local community and the Regional Network.
We will interview for these roles this year.
Phil will send out the job information to the groups.
- **Paid Support Worker** – About 5 hrs per week.
The role will help support the Link Worker in their role for the Regional Network

Phil will try to speak to the groups in the Network before the next Regional Network meeting to:

- introduce himself
- talk about the Link Worker job details
- future plans for the network

Meetings:

- **4 Regional Network meetings each year**
Who will come? Each Link Worker, their supporter and 1 other self-advocate from their group
- **A new meeting room.** We are looking for a bigger meeting room for the Regional Network meetings. We can then invite more people
- **4 Planning meetings.** Who will come? The 2 Chairs and their supporters, DVC support workers and the Project worker. These meetings will be held at Dudley Voices for Choice
- **2 Link Worker team events.** Who will come? Link Workers and their supporters



Agenda for next Regional Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 22 August, 2019

- To discuss the new West Midlands Regional Self-Advocacy Network and what that really means to us
- The new Link Worker and Supporter job roles to help with the Network
- Next steps
- Ruby Walker (Comet) will be running the after-lunch ice breaker
- Any other business