





# West Midlands Self-Advocacy Network

## Planning Meeting Minutes

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

	<p><b>Who came?</b></p> <p><b>Graeme Smith</b> and Alison <b>Ruby Walker</b> and Debbie Sarah Offley Phil Moran</p>
	<p><b>How was the last Network Meeting?</b></p> <p>The meeting went well. It was a shame we had to finish early but we were warned that bad weather was going to make getting home a little tricky.</p>
<p><b>To-Do's</b></p>	<p><b>What did we talk about at this Planning Meeting ?</b></p> <p>We went through the minutes and the <b>To-Do's</b> from the last <b>Network</b> Meeting</p> <p>We went through the minutes and the <b>To-Do's</b> from the last <b>Planning</b> Meeting</p>



## Link Workers

6 Link Workers started their jobs on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

- 2 at Solihull each working 5 hours each week
- 2 at Speakeasy each working 2.5 hours each week
- 2 at Our Way each working 2.5 hours each week

**To-Do Ruby** to make a short video about how she felt during the Link Worker recruitment, interview, etc. We can then watch this video at the next Network Meeting.

**Link Worker Projects:** The Link Workers' 1<sup>st</sup> project was to get some local information about their hospitals, members of parliament, transport and any other self advocacy groups in their areas which are not already on the network.

We discussed, but could not decide, on the best way to choose projects for the Link Workers. But we did agree that the 2<sup>nd</sup> project should be to do with the NHS and finding out what people's biggest problems are. **To-Do Phil** to create a questionnaire that the Link Workers can use for this project and bring it to the Network meeting for comments.

**Link Worker Training:** There is a training course on the web called "Learn My Way". It may help Link Workers who are unsure about using computers.

**Should other members also be invited to the Planning Meetings ?** We decided to stay as we are for now with only the 2 chairs coming. However, we will also ask any guest speakers invited to the next Network meeting to come along to the Planning Meeting first. They can then show us their presentations.





## Website

We have still not decided on the final logo design for the Network. **To-Do Phil** to send the most popular logo designs to the Network one final time for their comments.

Phil highlighted that the logo design is quite similar to the LDE logo. We decided to carry on regardless.

The website designer will be coming to the next Network Meeting so we can all see his designs so far.



## Should the Network Meetings be held at a larger and more central location ?

We discussed the advantages and the disadvantages for continuing to meet at BILD. We looked at some other meeting rooms and where they are and decided that we should stay at BILD for now.

There is a larger room at BILD which maybe worth looking at. **To-Do Phil** to arrange for the Chairs to view the other room during the next Network meeting and report back.



### **We agreed the dates for this year's Planning Meetings**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

These will all be held at DY1 in Dudley



### **We agreed the agenda for next Network Meeting**

All points raised will be included

Date of next **Network** Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020



### **Next Planning Meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1:00-4:00pm at DY1