

Thanet District Partnership Group Notes of meeting held on 18th October 2010

Feedback from Kent Partnership Board

Valuing Employment Now. Kathy Melling and Steven Chapman talked about what stops people when they try to find employment. People need more support to find and keep jobs. We talked about how to help older people to find employment.



Changing the Benefits System. We looked at the consultation document from the Government who are try to make the benefits system easier to use. The Government wants a system that stops people thinking it is not important to work.



Kent Library Service

Elizabeth and Hazel told us about Librarys which are free to join. The Library Service is doing lots to make them welcoming and easy for everyone to use.



They have talked to lots of people with learning disabilities about what people want from the library. People have told them they want

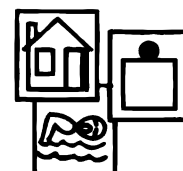
- choice and control in leading active lives
- be treated with dignity and respect
- to have fun.
- People want information in a way they can understand when need it.
- People want to be involved in improving things.

We heard about the different sorts of books that are available from the library. These include books with pictures on different topics such as sport, exercise, being ill. There are easy read fiction books and information books.



Books are available in large print books or on CD. Some are fiction and some are true stories about peoples lives. Music is also available.

When you join the library you get a library card. You need to have some proof of who you are and where you live to get a library card. This could be a letter or your passport.



Signs at the library are being improved to show where there are toilets and drink machines.

Library discovery tours take about half an hour and show you all the different parts of the library. There is also a library passport course which is one day a week for 6 weeks and tells you all things need to know about using the library. There are plans to run this in Dover.



The Library also offer work experience and volunteering opportunities.



Sports Development in Thanet

We thought about what stops people doing sports and what sports people would like to do.



This information will be given to Emily Rosen who is the Sports Development Officer for Thanet. Emily is working to develop opportunities for people to do the sports they want in Thanet.

Drop In

Although the Drop In is not open now, the Church is keeping the venue open for anyone in the community. People are able to meet and have coffee on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

