



Voice for All News and Update



May 2017



Once again, Voice for All has been very busy and we would like to keep you up to date with all our news, events and activities.



We continue to meet and work with the Brothers of Charity Services and all our friends, colleagues and partners from across Lancashire and the North West.



Here are some of the things we have recently been involved in;

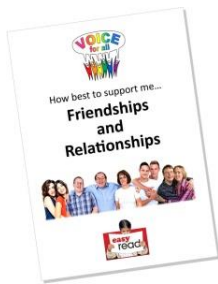


- **Meet 'n' Match**

We recently held a Meet 'n' Match Friendship and Dating Agency Drop-In session. This gave people a chance to learn more about Meet 'n' Match and about how they can be supported to find love and friendships.



Meet 'n' Match are a Friendship and Dating Agency for people with a learning disability living in Lancashire. Please click [here](#) for more information about how to join or get involved! Meet 'n' Match are also on [Facebook](#)



- **Updated Booklet**

We have recently updated and reviewed the 'How best to support me with Friendships and Relationships' easy read booklet.

Please take a look at our [booklet](#) for yourself!



- **Lancashire Eating Disorder Service Team**

We met with the Lancashire Eating Disorder Team to learn more about the services they provide and we hope to produce some easy read leaflets for them in the near future



- **Voice for All and BOC events**

We have recently been involved in the planning and delivery of some great events including;

- *Monthly film nights*
- *Comic Relief Bake Off and Red Nose Day*
- *Health and Wellbeing Event*
- *Regular Staff Recruitment Events*
- *2017 BOCS Heritage Day*



- **Annual Volunteers Walk**

We are all looking forward to welcoming the volunteers and walkers to Lisieux Hall on Tuesday 6th June for the Annual [Volunteers](#) Walk.

Please come and join us. Everybody is welcome!



- **Raising Learning Disability Awareness**

We have been meeting with Becky Heyes from UCLAN to help raise learning disability awareness with her university students and also in sharing the work, successes' and achievements of the Voice for All advocacy group.



- **'Welcome Day'**

We have been working hard creating and planning a 'Welcome Day' which is a new staff induction training programme for all new staff joining the Brothers of Charity Services, England. We hope to start the training and workshops in June.



- **Learning Disability Awareness Week**

We have recently met with colleagues to start planning for this year's Learning Disability Awareness Week which is week-commencing 19th June 2017. There are going to be lots of different events and activities in your area so keep an eye out, get involved and please show your support!



- **'Supported loving' Campaign**

We are looking forward to meeting Dr Claire Bates on Wednesday 17th May. Claire is the lead person for the 'Supported Loving Campaign' and she is coming up from London to; meet us, hear our stories and to make a film about the great work that is being done in the North West about 'Friendships, Love and Relationships'. Find out more about this fantastic campaign [here](#)



- **Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

We have been meeting with the CCG's from Greater Preston and Chorley and South Ribble and we are looking forward to producing some easy read leaflets for them



- **North West Regional Advocacy Conference**

We recently attended and presented at the 3 day Annual North West Conference in Blackpool. Over 250 people attended the conference including 22 delegates from Voice for All and the Brothers of Charity Services, Lancashire, which is fantastic!



- **Congratulations Becky**

We are delighted that at the conference, Becky Gammon, Chairperson of Voice for All, was voted onto the North West National Campaigns Forum. Becky will be speaking up for all of us to improve services and liaise with local and national Health and Social Care Commissioners, Providers, Members of Parliament and Ministers!



- **In the News**

The Lancashire Post has recently been in touch with us as they would like to do a featured article on Voice for All and the Brothers of Charity Services. This is great news!

We will share the article with you in due course.
Watch this space!



To find out more and to keep up to date with Voice for All please visit our webpage by clicking [here](#)



On our webpage you can find;

- Lots of Information about Voice for All
- Our easy read leaflets and publications
- All our latest news and events
- Easy read minutes of our weekly Committee meetings
- And lots of photographs! ...enjoy!



Thanks and bye for now!

You can find details of how to contact Voice for All below. We always welcome your comments and feedback. And please get in touch if you ever need our help and support.



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