



## ‘Community Connecting’ How to make it happen in Wigan & Leigh

The community connecting training day is designed to help people working in learning disability services from a range of settings to develop and put into practice the skills to make fulfilling lives a reality for the people they support

### **Aims of the community connecting training day:**

- Explore what we mean by community
- Introduction to community connecting tools and activities
- Learning from each others experiences
- How to put the community connecting tools into practice
- Identifying barriers and finding solutions
- Moving from presence to participation and contribution
- How to move forward and keep motivated
- Motivating others

### **Outcomes for Staff:**

- Learning new ways of working
- Developing new skills
- Working in partnership
- Developing roles to become bridge builders, community connectors, door openers, community capacity builders
- Enabling people to develop friendships, relationships and natural supports

### **Outcomes for the people we support:**

- Develop natural relationships and friendships
- Meaningful participation in ordinary community activities, social and recreational groups/organisations/associations
- Opportunities to partake in mainstream voluntary work or other employment opportunities
- To feel a sense of belonging and fulfilment  
“to feel a part of something”
- To participate and actively contribute to their community

**Effective Community Connecting Widens Everyone's Horizons**