

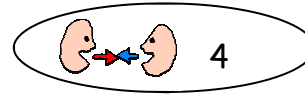
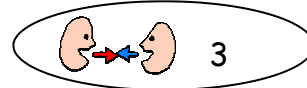
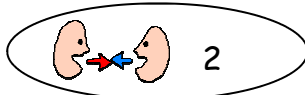
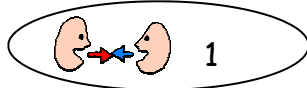
Notes From Self Advocates Post Meeting 11/02/09



To encourage people to talk, we asked if self advocates could think of three things they remembered from the meeting.



The things people said fitted into four groups.



The first Group was:
What People were pleased about

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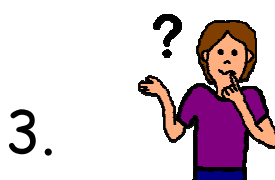
- A planned trip to the 'Houses of Parliament with 'People First'.
- The drama piece was 'belting'
- Susan likes giving feedback from 'People first'.
- People enjoyed the 'Never Watch Alone Social' evening.
- People understood Terry's feedback about the evening.
- People enjoyed the 'Train the Trainers' course.
- People liked Andrea's presentation.
- People understood some of Andrea's Presentation and the symbols helped.
- Some people really like coming to meetings.
- Some said they liked other members who sat on the board.

The Second Group was:
What People were worried about



- If Embrace were going to charge people to have an advocate?
- Confused about what the Partnership Board's money pays for.
- Confused about what is said at meetings.
- Only a few people understand, some of what is said at meetings.
- People sometimes, getting the minutes on the day of the next meeting.
- Sheila was not supported to go to 'Reflex' night club last week.
- Lots of people cannot go out in the evenings.
- Who will organise courses for self Advocates like 'Train the Trainers' and 'Welcome' meetings, when Andrea goes?

The Third Group Was:
Other Comments and Questions?



- Going to Blackpool was good.
 - If people don't understand Partnership Board Meetings, what can we do ?
 - Are Day Services not supporting in evenings.?
 - People should be able to go out in the evenings.
 - How can we do to help people get out in the evening?
 - Comments from PA's and Volunteers supporting Self Advocates.
- 1) When the Partnership Board meets it has very serious and complex issues to discuss.
 - 2)It would be impossible not to use jargon and big words.
 - 3)There is a lot to be covered so people have to talk quickly to get it all in.
 - 4) If we as support staff do not understand some of it , how can we expect Self Advocates to understand.?



5) How will self advocates be involved in the new Contracts framework?



The Fourth Group was:
Things to do?



- Ask Ken about the traffic lights not having any sound.
Who will write a letter to the traffic department to ask about this.?
- Ask Angela & Sue about getting the minutes in the post as soon as possible.
- Ask Embrace about charges for their services. (Sue will do this.)
- Read these notes out at the next Partnership Board meeting and ask for some answers to the questions.
- Think about and plan how to actively involve self advocates in meetings.
- Talk about who will organise the representing others training and how to recruit people who will be able understand about representing others.