

Stay Up Late

Campaigning workshops – Learning Disability England conference, Nov '16

1. What we want

'Susan' to go to Wembley to watch Peterborough United play Chesterfield in the Johnston's Cup.

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- The support staff.
- 'Susan' to see if there's ways in which she could save up enough money. For example you could save £3 at every local game by not buying a programme.

3. How are we going to speak with them?

Have a meeting with everyone involved.

4. How can we tell it's worked?

- 'Susan' will have got to see her beloved 'Posh' (Peterborough United) play at Wembley.
- We also discussed the very specific nature of this dream. It was about a game that happened and that she didn't get to see.

Obviously Peterborough United playing at Wembley in a cup final doesn't happen every year so this also highlighted the need to be as spontaneous when a great opportunity presents itself. (It's no good saying "let's save up for next year. It probably won't happen!").

And if it's about going to Wembley why not save up to watch England play?

1. What we want

To change the narrative about the people that we support to a positive one

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- The press, local papers, social media, local communities, the chamber of commerce.

3. How are we going to speak with them?

- Showing short positive clips about people.
- Talking to community groups.
- Social media campaigns,
- Information stalls.
- Having positive stories from staff with their outlook on their role.

4. How can we tell it's worked?

- Seeing positive videos and stories being shared.
- More people applying for jobs as support workers.
- People appreciating that we work with, and meet, amazing people.

1. What we want

Better access to the community and the world!!! (Transport and the built environment).

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- Raise awareness with bus drivers about wheelchair space
- Raise awareness with mums about having priority in wheelchair space.
- Post up an article on the local forum in Harrow where I live.

3. How are we going to speak with them?

- Make a video about it and speak to advocacy groups to spread the word.

1. What we want

Individual choice, and our rights respected.

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- Staff to help them see the limitations of their perceptions of what we can do, ask them questions and challenge them.
- The general public.

3. How are we going to speak with them?

- Tell stories and show good practice.
- Talk in staff meetings, show the Heavy Load film.
- Training social workers while they are still young.

4. How can we tell it's worked?

- People with learning disabilities will be seen and heard.
- People will be staying out late.
- And people will know they have the right to Stay Up Late!

1. What we want

- To know and get our rights

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- Social workers, families, general public, US (people with learning disabilities,

3. How are we going to speak with them?

- Training by experts by experience.
- Catch social workers young.
- Experts by experience to talk to family groups.
- Leaflets for families at GP surgeries and at schools and colleges.
- Through social media and the media. (Get inspiration from the work that MIND do and get a catch phrase e.g. "People with learning disabilities should be seen and heard.")
- Make wallet sized guide to peoples' rights when in hospital and their general rights.

4. How can we tell it's worked?

- By seeing people living where they want to live.

- People staying up as late as they want and people being happy and visible in their communities, having paid employment and contributing to their communities.

1. What we want

- To live a life, take risks, and not be sheltered away.
- For organisations to listen to the desires of the people they support.

2. Who do we need to speak with to make this happen?

- Organisations need to manage the culture.
- Support staff need to be responsive.

3. How are we going to speak with them?

If progress isn't made we should be able to vote with our feet and walk out.

4. How can we tell it's worked?

- A person's desires will be met and new desires will emerge.

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