



The Accomplished Community Accessible Summary



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Values Incorporated



Building Communities through Building Lives

This report was written by the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities in partnership with Values Inc.



Kent County Council gave us the money to think about and write this report.



What the report is about

This booklet comes from a project called Building Inclusive Kent Communities.

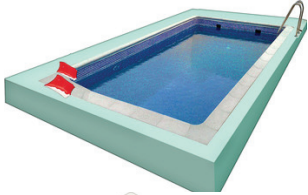


This project started in 2009



What is the project about?

We wanted to look at how we could help local communities become more easy to use for people with learning disabilities.



This meant looking at places like:

- sports centres
- libraries
- local groups

to see how they could be made easier for people with learning disabilities to use.



This could be things like making information easy to read....



....or making sure the buildings they use are easy to use.



What we did

We worked with 3 places in Kent to see how they could make their groups/ services easier to use.



About this book

The 'Accomplished Community' report talks about the things we learnt from the project Building Inclusive Kent Communities.



We have also made a guide for local services, groups and organisations called 'Thinking About Inclusion'.



This book is to help these groups see:

- how easy they are to use now and
- what they can do to make their services easier to use in the future.

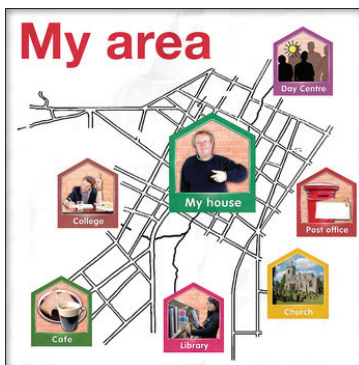


Why this is project important

Nearly 1/5 people of who are old enough to work in Great Britain are disabled (Office of National Statistics).



Making local groups easier to use for people with learning disabilities will make them easier for many other people to use too.



Everyone should be able to use groups/ services in their local area.



This will help people feel part of where they live and help people make new friends and spend more time doing things they like.



What we found out

Local places need to think about how they make their services more easy to use for people with all different kinds of disabilities, as well as how to make them more friendly and easy to find out about.



People who are good at making things easy to use should help other local places to make changes to their services.



The Government needs to think about how local groups can keep running when there is not much money to give them.

Voluntary organisations and local groups can really help to keep things running when there is not enough money from Governments.



The Eight Community Accomplishments have been written by Simon Goldsmith and Christine Burke. These are like rules that help organisations and groups think about the changes they need to make.



To download 'The Accomplished Community' and the 'Thinking About Inclusion' reports see our website:

[www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/
publications](http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/publications)



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