

Summer 2024 Newsletter



Learning Disability Week

17th June – 21st June 2023

This year Leeds Learning Disability week started with the Learning Disability Picnic at Temple Newsam.

There was entertainment from Aspire's Got Talent and the Skyfallers.

There were lots of organisations at the picnic running activities. We were there to tell people what was happening in Learning Disability Week.



Being Social Information Event

We ran the Being Social Information Event in the market again. This is an event organised by the Being Social Task Group. This year it was bigger than last year. There were 24 organisations who had stalls and 311 people came to the event.



We got funding from Positive Changes to use the big screen in the market. We were able to share information and films. People Matters used it to show the winners of the photography competition.

Dramarama entertained us all by doing a Flash Mob. Everyone loved it. We hope they will do it again next year.



Learning Disability Pride

Over 100 people with learning difficulties and their supporters marched through Leeds after the Take Over the Council Chamber event.

People had placards to show they were proud of who they are.



There was a great atmosphere. Some buses and cars blew their horns to show their support.

We finished the march at the Being Social Event in the market. We entered the market to lots of cheering and clapping.

Get in touch if you would be interested in planning next years march.



The Aspire Customer Awards

This year Tania gave out the award for friendship.

Tania made a speech about how important it is to have friends. Friends stop you being lonely.

We were delighted to see all the nominations and winners. We were very excited to see DB get the Creative Award.



DB is a member of Connect in the North. He used to be on the Board. He made a very powerful speech about disability rights.



The Great Autumn Chat

Come and join us for the Great Autumn Chat on Monday 16th September 1pm-3pm. You can join us in person or online.

There will be bingo, quizzes and a chance to find out what's happening this autumn. Get in touch if you want to come.



My Life My Way - Being Local Get Social

The next My Life My Way Starts on Thursday 19th September 1pm-3pm. The course is on a Thursday for 4 weeks. It is free for people with learning difficulties.

The course is about how you can be part of your local community.



Book on by emailing sarah@citn.org.uk or ringing Sarah or Tania 0113 270 32 33. We will need your name and phone number. You need to tell us if you are bringing support.

Who is who at Connect in the North?

The directors at Connect in the North are –

				
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