

Spring 2026 Newsletter



What's New at Connect in the North?

There have been some changes to the board of directors.

Michael Buttery stepped down from the board. He has been a board member for 6 years. Michael says that he will stay in touch. His humour and sense of fun will be missed.



Being a Director

The rules have changed about being a director. Now you need a passport or a driving licence to be registered. This has made it hard for people to be a director.

We have agreed that people who are not registered can still come to our meetings, but they can't make decisions.



Working with 100% Digital

We have just finished a project about false information online.

5 different organisations have run sessions to help people spot fake health advice, fake news, scams and AI.

We have written accessible resources which will be shared across Leeds. You can get in touch to find out more.



The Great Spring Chat

Monday 27th April 1pm-3pm.

Join us for the quiz, bingo and a chat about what's on in Leeds. We only have 20 places so you need to book.

Ring **0113 270 32 33** to book on in person or Email sarah@citn.org.uk to get the link to join online.



Stamp it Out – Rooots on Tour

A free training session for people with learning disabilities in Leeds.

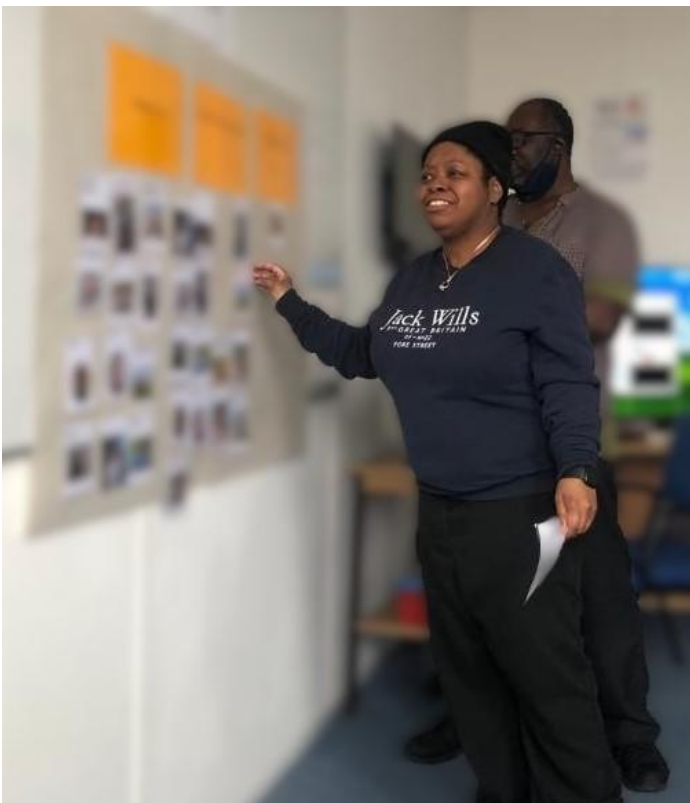
The session covers words you use and words we don't. You will find out how you can be respectful and what happens when you are not.

There are activities and role plays.

The Rooots Team are taking Stamp it Out on tour. They are available to run the sessions on Wednesdays.

You can book Rooots to deliver it at your day service or home.

Ring Sarah 0113 270 32 33 or email sarah@citn.org.uk to book session.





Learning Disability Pride 2026 Bigger and Better

**Tuesday 16th June Starts 12:30pm
Outside Leeds Civic Hall**

Join us

Show Leeds that we are Proud of having a learning disability.
We are marching from Leeds Civic Hall. We are walking through Leeds and finishing at the Corn Exchange

We have some signs you can use or you can bring your own.

Email sarah@citn.org.uk for a copy of the route or phone 0113 270 32 33 for more information.



Being Social Information Event

**Leeds Kirkgate Market
18 June 2026, 11am to 2pm**



Stalls from lots of organisations to tell you about different things you can do.

There will also be people there to talk to about transport, health, safety, social care and employment.

Through the Maze will be there to tell you about activities run by other organisations.

Come at any time between 11am and 2pm.

We can give you more information if you ring us **0113 270 3233**
or email us **info@citn.org.uk**



Spotlight on the Board



Hi, my name Arron Simpson and I'm on the board of Connect in the North. I live in Harrogate.

I know a lot of people. I go to Mind the Gap Theatre Academy, Yamsen and Brightsparks.

What makes a difference is when people's voices are heard.



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