



All Together Better 2 -The way to make a difference

We have pleasure in enclosing information about our All Together Better 2 course, taking place between March and July 2011

The Course is free and will be six, two day sessions held once a month over six months, funded by the Department of Health. It could benefit you, your colleagues, and family carers

All Together Better 2 is a new national course being run for the second time, which will identify, train, support and sustain a national network of champions.

What is 'All Together Better' about?

The Course is designed for family carers and people who support them through work in social care, health services, education and leisure. This will include people representative of all major ethnic, cultural and religious groups in the country.

All Together Better 2 is about building new alliances, which will become powerful and make real differences to the future of vulnerable people. The Course will build on work already done through investing in parent and carer leadership and will contribute to more effective partnership working. It is designed on existing leadership development and courses which have a successful track record, such as Partners in Policymaking™, Sharing Knowledge and Kindred Spirits.

All Together Better 2 is a tailor-made programme. It will provide information and build participants' skills so that they gain the knowledge and confidence they need to campaign and advocate for a better future for vulnerable people in our society. A strong values base of inclusion and equality underpins the programme. Participants will be listening, learning, planning and creating together.

Who is 'All Together Better 2' for?

There will be 50 participants. All the successful participants will have first-hand experience of issues that affect disabled people. When we have to use the term disabled, we are including people with learning difficulties, people with sensory or physical impairments, people who use mental health services..

All Together Better2 , will build on the national network of champions, graduates from the first course and partners in policymaking, people who think that life for people who need extra support could be better and who want to improve the way things are now - but don't always know where to start.

The Course Programme

The course runs over six months from March 2011 through to July 2011.

The sessions runs on two consecutive days approximately once a month.

Each session starts at 11.00 am on the first day and ends at 4:00 pm on day two. On day one of each session we work into the evening having dinner at 5.30pm and then a final session until 8:00 pm.

We stay at the very comfortable IMAGO conference centre at Loughborough University. All meals, drinks and accommodation are provided free. There is a bar on site where we encourage people to socialize and network. If you would like to buy any alcoholic or soft drinks from the bar we ask that these are paid for by yourself. The course is as inclusive as possible. The venue is fully accessible and will cater for special diets if required.

It is very important that you attend all the sessions. Families and service providers often only explore their own situations, only meet others with people who have someone of the same age that they support, and only spend time with people with similar support needs.

All Together Better 2 will give you opportunities to meet people at the leading edge of Self Directed Support and provide you with information that will enable you to see the latest leading edge thinking in order to be part of shaping the future.

For an application pack and more information, please contact:

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