

Background

Armagh Locality Planning Group (LPG) was established in 2010. Membership of the group include a range of community, statutory and voluntary organisations with a remit for children and young people in the area. The group aims to improve the well-being of children and young people through a multiagency planning approach.

The group set their four priority areas for 2015-2017; one of them being to support services for children with disabilities and their families. Emotional well being support needs of young people with disabilities. Alongside, challenging attitudes and informing people of disability through awareness raising sessions.

The group decided that they wanted to increase their knowledge and understanding of disability and therefore sourced disability and diversity awareness training from Barnardo's sixth sense.

The outcome of the evening was to:

1. Increase professionals knowledge on disability
2. Better understanding of what it is like to be disabled

Outcome
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(SOG Action
plan)

Children and young people will experience good relations/equality and diversity



How much did we do?

- In total, 14 practitioners attended the training
- 2.5 hours training session

How well did we do it?

- Low cost/no cost training
- Arke Sure Start kindly provided the venue
- 14 Practitioners increased their knowledge and understanding of disability

Is anyone better off?

Most useful topic/what would you change in your practice;

- Input from the Young People x 7
- The young people were fantastic at delivering the training
- Really enjoyed young people's stories- I was unaware of some issues and this will help when in the company of people with a disability
- Reminds you to stop and not label
- Engage with young people directly
- I will be more mindful of disability and adaptations as well as helping to empower young people with a disability

12 completed evaluations out of 14 Practitioners

Disability and Diversity Awareness Training – Participant Knowledge

