

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 have a disability

Outcome 1 (SOG Action Plan)

Children and Young People will have the best start in life and enjoy good health and wellbeing

After a successful awareness training session for practitioners on 22 September at Arke Sure Start, a further session took place on 20th February 2017 for young people from REACT to participate in disability and diversity awareness raising. This was again facilitated by Barnardo's 6th Sense Project.



How much did we do?

- In total, 16 young people and 2 practitioners attended the training
 - 5 young people delivered the training
 - 2 hours training session

How well did we do It?

- Low cost/no cost training
- REACT kindly provided the venue
- 16 young people and 2 practitioners increased their knowledge and understanding of disability

Is anyone better off?

15 young people gave feedback on the session

What was good about today?

- It was (very) interesting (5 respondents)
- Hearing young people with a disability speak out/give their opinions (4)
- Learning (2)
- Easy to understand
- Great presentation
- Interacting with other young people
- How hard it is for people with a disability
- Everything

What have you learnt?

- How it feels to have a disability (3 respondents)
- Difficulties: doing GCSE's, going to the cinema, transitioning to adult services (3)
- To be aware and not hurt peoples' feelings (2)
- There are 3 types of rights: human, children and disability
- That disability is not a bad thing

What would you have changed?

- Nothing (13 respondents)
- Young people spoke really well (2)

"Great presentation"

Young people keen to explore further links between the 2 groups

"It was really good"