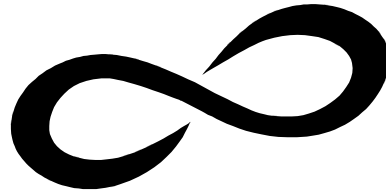


**Northamptonshire
Community Housing Network**



**1st Open Meeting
Notes**

17th May 2011

Notes from the First Start up meeting of the Community Housing Network on 13th May 2011



The meeting was chaired by Pat Ward, a Network member, and the following people attended the meeting:-

Attendance:-

Marion Turner, Karon Hawes, Pat Ward, John Welsh, Laura Marsh (Next Steps), Alicia Wood (Housing Options), Sarah (housing Options), Su Jobbins, Pratima Datani (Delos), Jayne Carter (National Children's Disability Centre), Rene Dyett (CAN), Anne Atkinson – Clark (Scott Bader Commonwealth), Paul Clarke, Carole Jones (CAN), Louise Allen (Wellingborough Homes), Iain Ferns (RECHG), Jay Adeseke (Mananatha Housing & Support), Lorraine McCormac (Billingbrook School), Vikki Hayes (Bromford Support), Sara Robinson, Sarah Wilson, Kieley Harrigan (NCC Social Services), Faith DeCosta (NCC Social Services), Linzi Page (Delos).



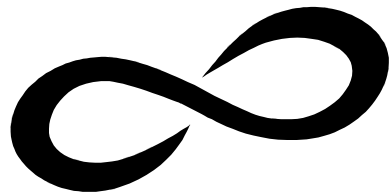
Notes from the Meeting

We worked our way through the agenda and shared information on each topic. Marion did a presentation about the aims of the Community Housing Network, the background to its creation, and the way the network thinks it needs to do things to help people with a Learning Disability on their housing journey.

Please see the presentation attached or on our website at

www.myhomemysay.co.uk





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Pratima talked about the things the Network plans to do this year.

The planned work actions for this year are to:-

- (a) Set up the Network and the Timebank
- (b) Start supporting an agreed number of people on their housing journey
- (c) Produce all the information and tools to help people and families
- (d) Work with local housing offices to improve their services for people with learning disabilities
- (e) Make contact with Housing providers to create other housing solutions
- (f) Work to improve the housing needs picture of people with learning disabilities across Northants

She also mentioned some of the things the Network has already done to get itself going, these include:-

- Finding an organisation to 'host' it (help us) – Delos Community
- Starting work to produce a Teaching Module to help young people with disabilities find out about housing when at School or College
- Doing a report and making two guides to help people and their families find out about getting a home from the Local Council
- Becoming a member of Housing Options – who will help the Network
- Starting to set up the Northamptonshire Community Timebank

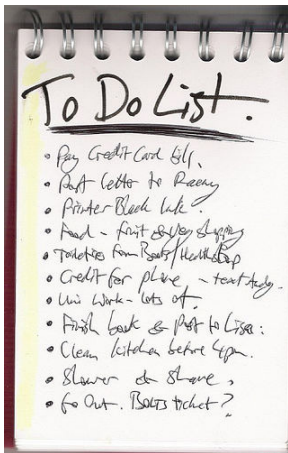
For more information about any of the above please see the Network's new



guide called 'Our Vision and Approach' – May 11th 2011. This you can find this on our website www.myhomemysay.co.uk

Other People that spoke at the meeting were:-

- (1) Karon Hawes – about the Community Timebank we are creating
- (2) Alicia Wood from Housing Options – about our plans to work together
- (3) Su Jobbins from 'Easi4 Communities' – who are also interested in helping the Network choose the best way of running, this is called a 'business model'



After the presentations people had a chance to ask questions and say what they thought about the ideas for the Network. Some people were very excited and have decided to join the Network to help out.

The next meeting will be on **Friday 26th May 2011, 2pm to 5pm, at Delos Head Office.**

At this meeting we will ask who would like to help the Network with the many actions we need to do. We also hope to create a group to manage the setting up of the Network. This group will be called 'The Network Steering Group'.

Do You want help with Housing?

The Network is also looking for people with a learning Disability who would like help thinking about their housing choices. We are developing a series of 'awareness' sessions about housing and we are looking for people and families who want to join in and start finding out more about their options.





We hope to begin the awareness sessions by August 2011

A Bit About Timebank

One of the ways we plan to help the Network make things happen is by using Time sharing or Time banking. Timebanking is where people agree to pay each other 1 time credit for each hour of help they give to some one else.

So we aim to use timebanking to 'pay' members for volunteering some of their time to help create and run the Network.

If you are interested in helping us set up the Timebank please get in touch with Karon Hawes via email timebank@myhomemysay.co.uk



If you are interested and want to find out more about the Network please contact Marion Turner on 01933 677889 or via email mturner@myhomemysay.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.