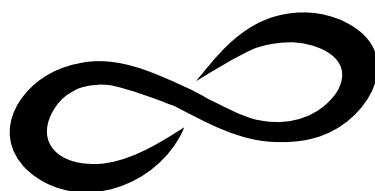


## Northamptonshire Community Housing and Support Network



**1<sup>st</sup> meeting to set up the Network  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Present** – Marion Turner, John Welsh, Ashley Tansley, Karon Hawes, Tom Baines, Leanne , Simon Bisgrove.

**Apologies** – Andy Horwood, Pat Ward, Patima Dattini

### **Meeting Aim**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the setting up of the Community Housing and Support Network. Discuss what it could be, what it would ideally do and how it could work in present climate.

We discussed:-

- (a) How to set up the Network
- (b) Finding a host to hold the Network while we work to create it
- (c) We discussed how we could fund/resource the network & where to get money or help from
- (d) We talked about Timebanking
- (e) We talked about what we might expect or need from a host
- (f) Promoting the network

### **Sources of money**

- big society - money/social enterprise Centre (social bank)
- writing to the banks (general banks, Tridos bank, Barclaycard)
- children in need
- mencap, EADS
- lottery -People's millions
- donations from public and business in Northamptonshire

- Celebrities
- hold sponsored community events

### **Things we may need from a host**

- Based in Northants
- premises to work from
- access the administration facilities
- a meeting space (support from partners across the county)
- hold money/pay bills
- create partnership of Hosts

### **The Host body should have (or could be)**

- An understanding of housing
- good links with local authorities and voluntary organisations and support providers
- advice or advocacy service
- Housing/support providers
- Community Centre
- experience of working with people with a learning disability or with disabilities generally
- publicise the network
- help find money and resources

### **Promoting the Housing and Support Network**

- Write to the papers
- go on the radio
- Special and general schools and colleges
- Make a 'YouTube' video (and possibly a song)
- set up the network on social media sites such as Facebook
- promote Housing plan and network by using a video

### **Other resources we might need**

- Get help by working with other people (work with people from other partnership board projects.)
- Help from local authorities to:-
  - access rooms for meetings

- sharing skills and experience
- use resources they have
- access their services
- provide information that is accessible.
- Write to organisations for things that we need such as equipment (they may be able to donate these) or companies or shops for Raffle prizes etc.

### **Things to do before next meeting**

- Marion to write to organisations to see if they would like to Host the Network
- Karon, Simon to plan a video about the network and start making it with others such as Ashley and John
- Possible social evening for interested people to make some talking sticks (to help people have their say in meetings)

**Karon Hawes**  
**Community Volunteer**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011**