

Reach Update

January - March 2015



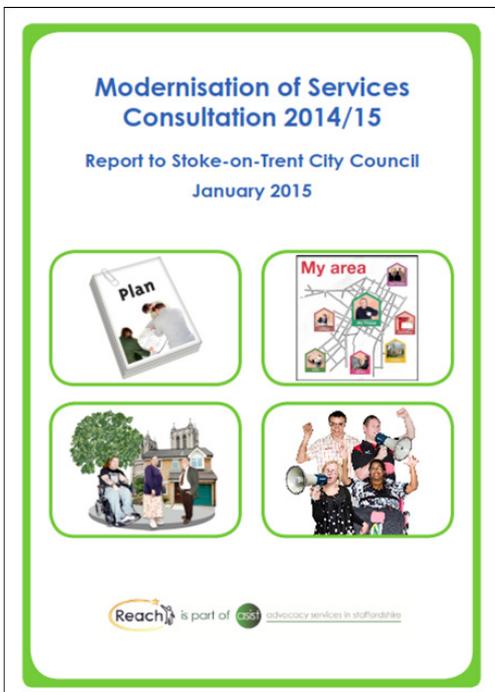
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Modernisation of Services Consultation report

From October 2014 to December 2014 Reach held 22 meetings supporting 116 people to take part in the City Council's **Modernisation of Services** Consultation.

Reach completed and shared the 'Modernisation of Services' report in January.

The final report is on the Equal People website.



Meeting at Abbey Hill School

In January Reach returned to Abbey Hill school to share the **Modernisation of Services** report with the students who had taken part in the consultation.

Reach also worked with students to discuss their thoughts, comments and ideas about review meetings at the school.



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Getting your Voice Heard Report

On Monday 24th November 2014, Reach supported over 90 people at the **Getting your Voice Heard** event at the Tillington Hall Hotel in Stafford.

All the information from the meeting was put into the report and sent to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent councils in January.

The final report is on the Equal People website.



Reach Parliament Dates 2015

The 2015 Reach Parliament dates were set in January.

Reach shared the dates with members at the Parliament meeting on 23rd February.

Reach will share the dates at the Learning Disability Partnership Board meeting on Wednesday 25th March.

Stoke-on-Trent Reach Parliament Meeting Dates 2015



Monday 30th March
Monday 11th May
Monday 29th June
Monday 17th August
Monday 21st September
Monday 19th October
Monday 28th November

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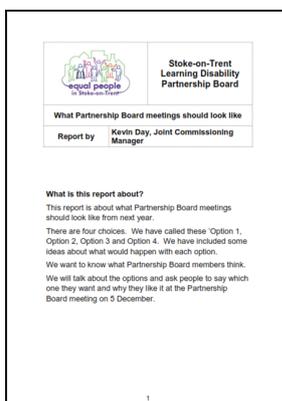


Reach Parliament Meeting

On Monday 23rd February 2015 Reach held the first Parliament meeting of the year.

Reach members discussed updates on the 'Big Health Day' and 'Modernisation of Services' reports.

Members also discussed an update on the 'Making health and social care information accessible' consultation.



Reach members discussed the **What Partnership Board Meetings Should Look Like** report by Kevin Day, looking at the option they felt would work best.

Members worked in groups to discuss their experiences of voting.

Members discussed inviting Councillors to the March meeting to talk about party policies ahead of the local and national elections in May.



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Self Assessment Peer Review Day

On Friday 27th February, Reach members from Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire went to the Peer Review meeting in Birmingham.

Reach members met and worked with self-advocates and commissioners from Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire and Walsall.

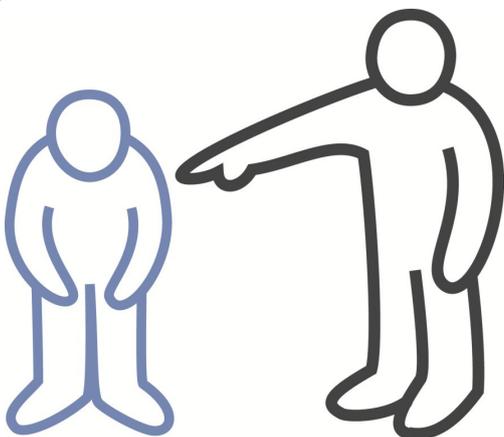


Supporting Reach members to report Hate Crime

Reach supported two members to raise a Hate Crime issue in February.

The members were supported to speak up to Challenge North Staffs.

While the issue is still ongoing the Reach members are being supported to look at all the choices available to them.



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Care and Treatment Reviews



NHS England have asked Reach members to take part in Care and Treatment Reviews.

The reviews look at whether people are safe and getting good care and if they can live in the community with the right support.

Stoke-on-Trent Reach MP Margaret Mason will be reviewing people's care at the Harpland Hospital's Telford Unit this month.

Reach Parliament Meeting

The next Reach Parliament meeting is on Monday 30th March.

Reach members will be speaking up about politics and the future of Stoke-on-Trent.

They will be asking questions to city councillors, either in person or, if councillors don't come to the meeting, on a video that will be shared with them later.



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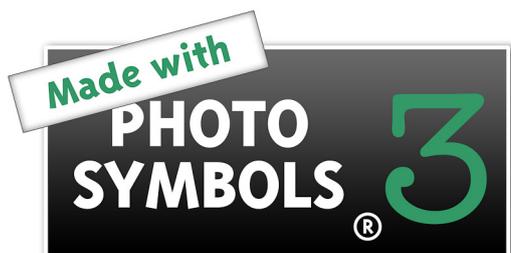
To find out more about the work Reach are doing to support people with learning disabilities to speak up, please get in touch.



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