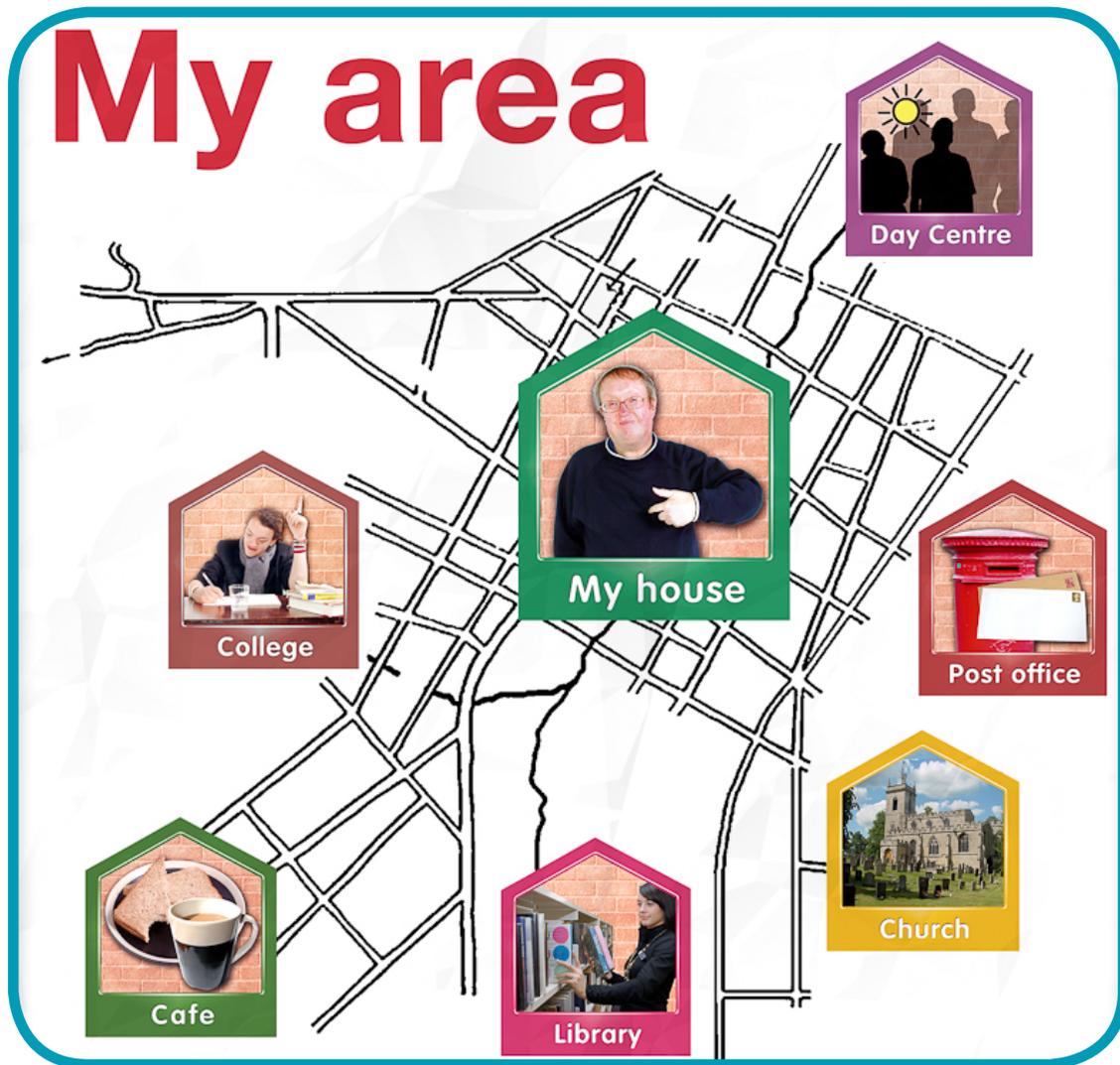


Event Action Planning Training

Feedback from Margaret Mason



Background



Reach were contacted by Adrian Ball from Revolution Earth and asked to support Partnership Board Co-chair Margaret Mason to feedback her experiences on the Event Action Planning training course.



Margaret had asked if she could feedback about the course to the Partnership Board as part of her learning outcomes for the course.



Margaret said she thought it is very important to bring this information to the meeting as lots of Reach members talk about the issues raised on the course.

About the course



The idea was to plan events across the city to provide opportunities for adults with learning disabilities to maintain old friendships and create new ones.



At the end of the course a coffee morning was arranged so everyone could talk about their ideas.



People at the coffee morning would then get the chance to vote for the idea they liked the best.

The Ideas

Idea 1

One Big Summer Event

The first idea was to organise a large outdoor event that people from all over the county could be invited to.

There would be music and games and people could meet up with old friends and make new friends. The event would be held in the local community.



Idea 2

Free Coffee Morning Event

Hold 'pop-up' coffee morning events throughout the community in accessible areas and buildings.

The mornings could be repeated as often as people like and be moved to different areas to suit the people attending the event.



The Ideas

Idea 3

Christmas Coffee Morning and Fundraising Event

Hold a coffee morning event where you can invite people to come and meet with friends.

There would be a small charge for people to attend and the money collected from selling the drinks and cakes could be used to fund further events that could be held at different times and dates. The first event would be held at Duke Street.

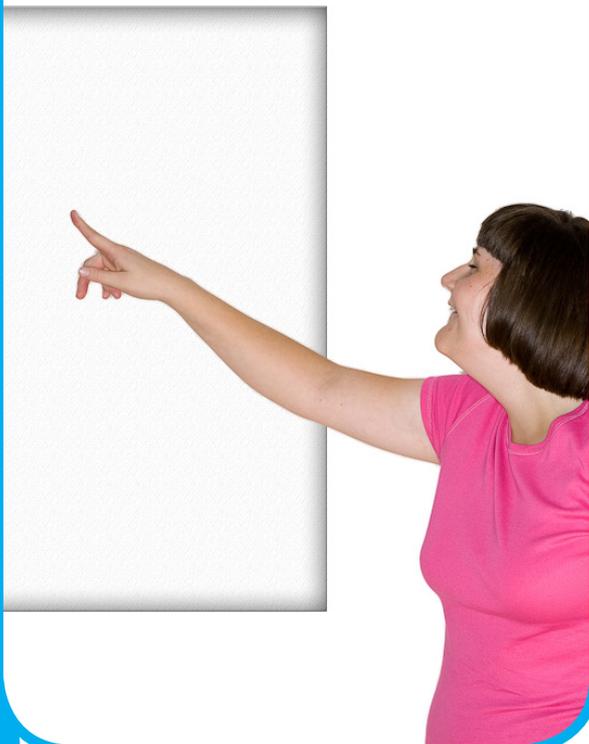
People voted by putting stickers on the poster of the idea they liked the most.

The votes were counted up to see who had the most. The results were as follows:

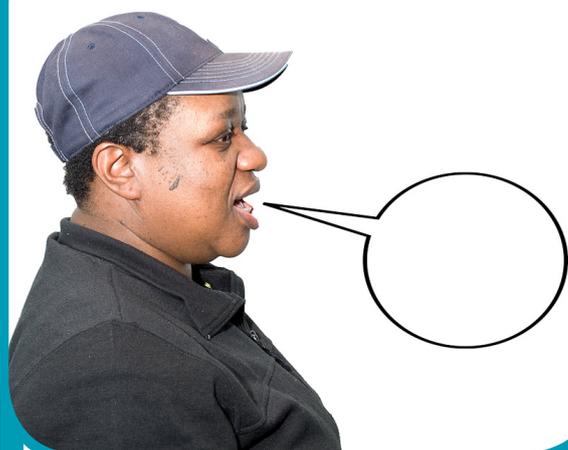
- Idea 1 - 6 votes
- Idea 2 - 16 votes
- Idea 3 - 9 votes.



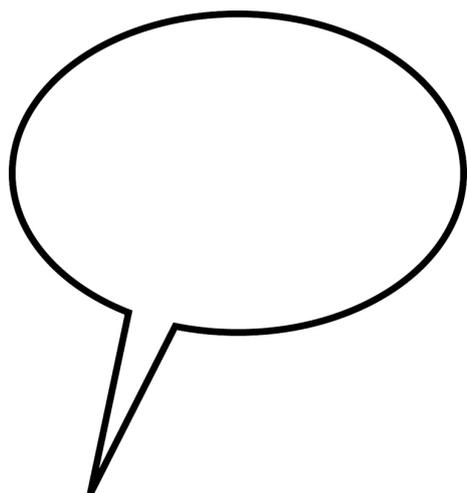
Coffee Morning



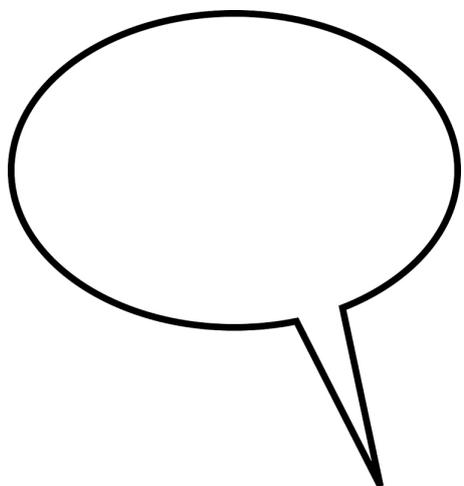
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The people who took part on the course said “we would like to see these events happen for real, some of us would like to be on an Event Planning Committee to plan more friendship events.”

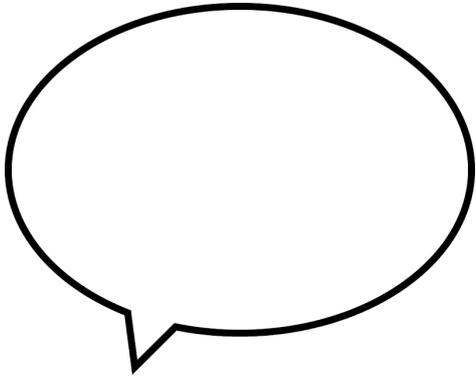


They said “to run a committee we will need help as we can’t do it on our own. We need to know if there is any money to help us with these events.”



“We need a place to meet, help to find out how to contact people and invite them along to the events we are planning and help with things like pens, paper and making posters and printing invitations.”

What Happens Next?



“Most of all we need someone to support us. We don’t want someone to tell us what to do but we do need support to run our committee.”



Margaret spoke about how important it is to get the right support so this work can continue and hopefully set up one of the ideas from the training course.



Margaret would like to ask the Partnership Board:

“Where can our group get the support we need to continue this work?”

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