

# Bradford Co-Production Partnership

## Update 3 - November 2022

Co-Production  
Partnership



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**Welcome to the November update from the Co-Production Partnership.** In this edition we will tell you about what we have been doing to build Co-Production across Bradford. This includes a short report from our latest events. We will also look forward to our upcoming events.

### **What has been happening?**

September and October have been very busy months as we put in place the foundations for a Co-Production Partnership. As part of the process of building the Co-Production Partnership we are going out to visit disabled people's groups. We have also put on some training.

Over the last two months, the Co-Production Partnership worker, Wil Quick, has been to visit and talk to people across a variety of organisations. It was really great to listen to what people have to say both about services and how they want to have their voices heard. If you would like Wil to visit your group or organisation call him on 07432

264 881 or you can email him at [co-production@equalitytogether.org.uk](mailto:co-production@equalitytogether.org.uk).

We also put on some facilitation training. This was organised so disabled people could develop the skills to run discussion groups. This was attended by 12 people.

**Making Co-Production Work events.** 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Keighley, 28<sup>th</sup> September, Bradford, 29<sup>th</sup> September, online.

September saw the next round of open events looking at how we develop the Co-Production Partnership in Bradford. Building on our previous event in July it focused on what sort of people we want to be members of a Partnership Board. It went on to look at how people would be selected to join a board. Finally, it considered what the most important areas were for the Partnership to look at first.

Over three events, Keighley, Bradford and online, about 85 individuals attended. It was great to see people from a wide range of communities and organisations all contributing and shaping how co-production develops within the district.

The discussions were wide ranging, with people sharing a wide range of views.

- What type of person do we want to be members of the Partnership?

We began by looking at what sort of person do we want to be part of the Co-Production Partnership board. Some common issues were mentioned frequently. These

included that board members need to be able to communicate with the wider disability community, as well as needing a good understanding of the needs of disabled people. The idea around the need for there to be a wide range of people, reflecting the diversity of the communities in Bradford was also seen as important.

- How will members of the Board be chosen?

There was also a discussion on how members of the board would be selected. People were given three ideas to discuss. The first idea was that once the working groups were set up, they would send people to be members of the board. The good thing about this is that it would focus on practical issues facing disabled people. However, it may mean that issues which the board aren't looking at might be missed.

The next idea was that different disabled people's organisations would each send a representative. This would give a wide range of view points, but would exclude disabled people who are not connected to organisations.

The final idea was that there would be a small panel of disabled people who would interview potential members of a Partnership Board. It was felt that this could ensure that there was broad range of disabled people, although many people would be put off by such a formal process.

People liked parts of each, and as we take the Partnership forward, we will take the best parts of each.

- Priority areas for the Partnership

People were also given an opportunity to highlight which areas they felt the Partnership should concentrate on first. The list of choices reflected the themes which had come out of the event on 4<sup>th</sup> July. It reflected areas where the Partnership could have the greatest influence within social care services.

Dot voting was used to prioritise which areas the Co-Production Partnership will look at first.

The four top issues which will the Partnership will concentrate on initially are: independence and choice; access to services; accessible information and day services. This doesn't mean the other areas are not important, but it was felt that it is better to concentrate on fewer issues rather than spreading our resources so we are not as effective.

A report from the September events will be written up, and should be available in early November.

## **What next?**

We are now planning out next events, which will be in November. This will be in partnership with Bradford Council, looking at how day services might develop in the future. It will help influence what day services Bradford Council commission (buy), and how they can best meet the needs of disabled people.

It will be an opportunity for you to share your ideas on what works well but also what could work better.

The event will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1-3pm. It will be held at Cottingley Cornerstones. BSL interpreters have been booked for this event.

You can book your ticket from <https://coproduction-day-services.eventbrite.co.uk>

We will be running a session on Zoom. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 11 – 12.30. You can book your place on this via <https://coproduction-day-services-online.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you can't make it to the event, there will be informal drop-in session to share your ideas. There is no need to book for these. The sessions are:

15<sup>th</sup> November, 1-3pm, Mayfield Centre, Broadway Ave, Bradford, BD5 9NP

16<sup>th</sup> November, 1-3pm, Sight Airedale, 31 Scott St, Keighley, BD21 2JH

Future events are being planned looking at access to services, accessible information and independence and choice. There will be held early next year. More details coming soon.

## **Disabled History Month**

Our Lives, Our Way are hosting workshops for Disability History Month titled "Wellbeing and Work Event", Come and join us for our inclusive event where we will bust myths, explore good practice around accessible recruitment in the work place, and showcase opportunities for disabled people around employment.

Bradford – 7/12/2022 13:00-16:00 Manningham Mills  
Community Centre, Lilycroft Road, BD9 5BD

Keighley – 15/12/2022 10:00-13:00 Keighley Central Hall,  
Alice St, BD21 3JD

To book a place or for further information email  
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