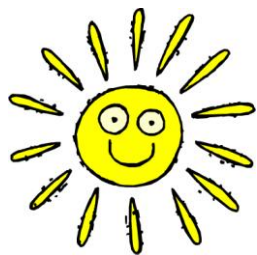


Wiltshire People 1st

Promoting the Self Advocacy of
People with Learning Difficulties
In Wiltshire



Summer Newsletter 2010



Our Management Committee



Welcome from the Editor's Group

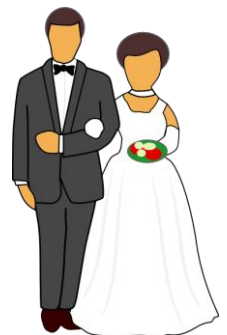
"Welcome to our summer newsletter. It's really nice to see the sun and get our summer clothes out.

This newsletter is packed full of exciting things we want to tell you about.

We hope you enjoy reading this. If you have any thoughts or ideas please contact us."



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sam, one of our Development Workers, who is getting married in August.

In our next newsletter Sam will tell us all about her big day!





Dates for your diary...

Speaking Up Group



Tuesday 21st September

Tuesday 19th October

Tuesday 9th November

At the Independent Living Centre in Semington.



till



Hate Crime Workshop



Thursday 14th October

At the Devizes Corn Exchange



Big Meeting

Thursday 2nd December

At the Devizes Sports Club

Recent Events

Wiltshire People First has been doing a lot of work on **hate crime**. It is very important people with learning difficulties are involved and know what to do to keep safe.

South West Regional Forum Big Hate Crime Event



In April we went to the Big Hate Crime Event in Taunton.

We watched a play about Hate Crime and went to workshops. We also heard what it is like going to prison when you have a learning difficulty.



See page 7 for details of our hate crime poster competition.

Court Visit

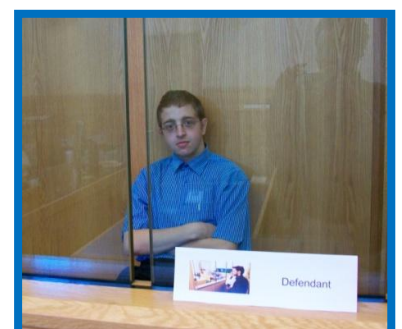
In July, members of Wiltshire People First went to Chippenham Magistrates' Court.

We had a tour of the building and watched some real court cases.

In the afternoon we went into an empty court room and acted out a courtroom scene.

Niko, one of our Development Workers said

"I had a really good time learning about how a court case works and how the Magistrates' work out the punishment for that person."



Niko

Other Recent Events

Centres for Independent Living Consultation

In June we ran a workshop to find out what services and support people with learning difficulties need to lead independent lives.

Everyone worked very hard and came up with lots of good ideas to pass on to WCIL.



Speaking Up Group

Gail from Open Minds came to our Speaking Up Group in July and told us about her work with Wiltshire Search and Rescue.



Young Person's Group



Our Young Person's Group has been running since April. We have had lots of fun making posters, going bowling and speaking up about important things.



SISAG and Open Minds



SISAG News...



SISAG members recently had a talk from Inspector Wendy Grant about Hate Crime.



We heard that Wiltshire is a very safe and nice place to live but we looked at the easy read Reporting Pack in case we needed to report a crime.



Wendy also talked about keeping your things safe at home and when out. She gave out pens with flashing blue lights at the end!

SISAG had their first Big Meeting in July. It was a great success!

We'll tell you more in our next newsletter.



Open Minds

Open Minds', is a speaking up group for adults with learning difficulties in the Kennet area. We meet on the first Monday of each month in Marlborough at The Conservative club from 7.30pm to 9pm. We talk about issues which are important to our members.

Contact us at Voluntary Action Kennet Tel: 01672 564140



Hate Crime Poster Competition



Design a poster about **hate crime**.

You can use anything you like to make your poster; pens, pencils, paint, collage.

Please make sure your paper is A4 size (which is the same size as this page).

Your poster must include the words:



Hate crime

Police

Bullying



But you can use other words and pictures too!

Try to show what you would do if you were a victim of hate crime.

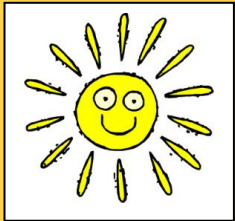


The winning poster will be printed by Wiltshire Council and displayed all around Wiltshire.



Closing date for the competition is **Monday 20th September**.

Please send your posters with your name and contact details to the Wiltshire People 1st office.



Contact Us!



Independent Living Centre

St. George's Road

Semington

Wiltshire

BA14 6JQ



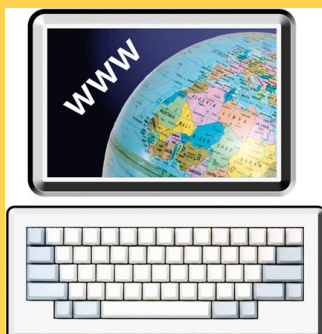
Telephone:

01380 871900



Email:

admin@wiltshirepeople1st.org.uk



Website:

www.wiltshirepeoplefirst.org