

Getting Involved Event Lincoln College 27th June 2019:



The day gave everyone the chance to meet up, try new activities, find out about what's happening in Lincolnshire and to celebrate what people with learning disabilities can do. The theme was "Getting Involved", including by joining groups, doing regular sports activities, volunteering or having a paid job.



259 individuals signed in on the day, however numbers may have been higher as students and staff from Lincoln college would have been on site without signing in as visitors. Transport was arranged from across the county allowing people from Boston, Sleaford, Gainsborough and Market Rasen to attend. We were happy to welcome students from St. Christopher's and St. Francis' Schools, which made the day a truly 'all county – all ages' event.

Organisations attending supporting people with a learning disability:

St Francis School	Your day your say
St Christopher's School	Market Rasen Day Service
Linkage	Aspire
Lincoln College	Busy Days
Boston College	Tess – cic
Scott House Day Service	North Road Sleaford
Thistles	Ancaster Day Service
Navigation	Hastings Day Service

Stall holders and supporters:

VoiceAbility	Arts NK
Brain in Hand	Yoga for Everyone
Baseline Tennis	Busy Days
Lincolnshire County Council	Circles of Support
Everyone	Diversity
Pelican Trust	Noise Academy
SWCCG	Active Lincolnshire
Rise and Shine	Sensory Traveller
LPFT	DWP

People with a learning disability are actively involved in planning and supporting the event. 4 self-advocates told their stories about gaining paid employment as well as supporting the Learning Disability Partnership.

The success of Lincoln College football team was celebrated, and certificates awarded.

The day included sessions from Rise and Shine Drama, NK Arts, Noise Academy, Yoga and Baseline Tennis.



Feedback on the day was very positive lots of smiley faces in the feedback box. One provider said how useful he had found it; he now knows more about what opportunities there are out there for people and will start to tap into some of these.

Nomination for Award



6 self-advocates were nominated in the Learning Disabilities and Autism Awards 2019 for the Team category for their work in transforming the Learning Disability Partnership. They are David Bean, David Sheardown, Amy Hodson, James Bell, Lorraine Abbott and Jenny Howitt.

James Bell and David Sheardown attended an interview in Birmingham on 16th of May. The regional awards event was a black-tie event in Birmingham on 28th May. The team were shortlisted to 12 finalists in their category from thousands of applications. Kerry Gibson and Chris Buckley were honoured to support them during the interview process, the celebratory dinner and on the journey to and from Birmingham (twice).

The Partnership would not be where it is today without the tireless efforts of these 6 individuals.