



IN SCOPE!

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Special points of interest:

- The New Scope Calderdale Community Outreach newsletter is finally here.
- Each issue will be designed to keep you informed of the latest issues within the service
- Each issue will have contributions by both staff and participants

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New ICT Suite Leads The Way!

CCOS are proud to unveil their brand new ICT facility kindly funded in conjunction with Calderdale Community Foundation and Lloyds TSB. The new facility represents a dramatic step forward as the old facility was very dated.

Peter Wardhaugh (Service Manager) said "This new ICT suite marks a turning point in our service offering. We now have the tools required to deliver accredited training and 'real world' skill development whilst maintaining a environment that is tailored to providing help and support that would be difficult to find within a college."

Part of what makes the ICT Suite unique is the attention that has



The New ICT Facility, Jointly funded by Calderdale Action and Lloyds TSB

been given to making it fully inclusive. As well as an array of specialist keyboards, mice and visual aid software. There is also speech recognition software and a touch screen monitor to replace keyboard and mouse functions. The upshot of these aids is that a pc can be easily tailored to suit a individual participants

needs.

A high speed internet connection is also on hand to ensure that all participants can use the internet at the same time.

In the future it is hoped that the ICT Suite can be used to aid in the assessment of potential FE/ HE students.

It is hoped that the new ICT Suite can aid participants in not only pursuing academic qualifications but also in opening new avenues of information and communication to them

A difficult day out in York

We are going to York on Friday. To find out how difficult public transport is!



We are going in the morning by taxi to the train station, because buses are not accessi-

ble. Then we take the train to York. I think this will be very hard because you have to book everything and this will take a long time. The train journey is tiring because you have to book the ramps and some people have to help put them out.

We are now in York!. However we have to get home again.



By Malcolm Burnside

If you want more information visit <http://www.timetogetequal.org.uk>

Pathways Group, A view from the inside.

I first became involved with the Pathways Project after an operation to remove a tumour in my spine. Although the operation was successful I was left disabled with mobility problems and the loss of fine movement to my hands.

I was referred to the Pathways Project by the physiotherapist because the treatment I was receiving had ended and I was told that no further

treatments were available on the NHS.

It was great to find that other people had similar disabilities and had similar operations with who understood my problems and frustrations.

“Games” discussions and other activities were arranged in order to help the group to overcome their disabilities and some trips were arranged to help us lead an active life. I believe that

with this support I made a quicker recovery.

One of the best things was the therapeutic value I gained from the group by seeing the improvements made by others. I also received lots of encouragement from the rest of the group. Without this I am sure that my recovery would not have been rapid.

By David Smith



Pathways Group
“Without this group my recovery would not have been as rapid.”

OCN Rollout on Track

CCOS is in the final stages of joining the Open College Network as a accredited course provider. This will be the culmination of months of tireless work by the staff at CCOS to ensure that the criteria of the

OCN was met. Peter Wardhaugh (Service Manager) states; “The OCN will allow us to move away from a tradition ‘day centre’ model to a proactive organization with ‘real world’ offerings”. It is hoped that we can begin to of-

fer OCN accreditation by the new year. Participants will be able to study; literacy and numeracy, citizenship and ICT in the initial stages. It is hoped a wider subject offering will be made as we grow with OCN.

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A Difficult Day Out In York. Revisited!

Further to my last article regarding the transport assessment. I’m pleased to report that I got home safely. After a relatively worry free journey over to York, we decided to go for a bite to eat at ‘Betty’s’ Café instead of going to the Railway Museum. After eating, we decided to get a taxi back to the train station. After what seemed a very long time we found a taxi that could take a wheel chair. It took so long to

find the taxi that we almost missed the train! We had to ring up and book the ramp for the train. I was a bit concerned when someone put the ramp upside down. It looked like no training was given to the people expected to deploy the ramp.

York as a city is very bad in terms of wheelchair friendliness, the narrow cobbled streets make it difficult to use a wheelchair

safely. To use a bus in York was very difficult so I had to opt for a taxi. This proved to be rather expensive and not the best way to get around York. If I was to plan another trip in the future, I would try to plan the transport issue more carefully as to not be in a position of having to wait around for a suitable taxi again

Malcolm Burnside



Malcolm Burnside with friends on a recent visit to Yorkshire Television



SCOPE'S MISSION STATEMENT

Scope's mission is to drive the change to make our society the first where disabled people achieve full equality.

Our goals are that:

Disablism is banished

All disabled people of all ages and their families enjoy their full and equal human and civil rights

All disabled people are able to exercise full personal choice and control over their own lives, with access to independent advocacy

We will achieve this by:

Being led by the view and lived experience of disabled people

Valuing and listening to disabled families

Working in alliance with disabled people and their organisations

Using all our passion, professionalism, energy and resources

In doing so, we will support people with cerebral palsy, and their families, at all stages of their lives. By achieving excellence in our understanding and knowledge of the condition and related impairments. Whilst fundamentally changing society so that people with cerebral palsy and other conditions, can achieve their full potential and enjoy equality.

This version of Scope's Mission Statement was agreed by Honorary Officers for publication on 2nd March 2005. It supersedes all earlier versions of Scope's Mission Statement, and will apply for 2005/06. It takes account of the views of various Scope stakeholders including Scope National Forum in February 2005. It will be reviewed as part of the consultation process for the 2006/07 business plan.

A word from the top



Peter Wardhaugh (Service Manager) welcomes everybody to the first edition of 'In Scope'

Welcolme to our first edition of in scope , We hope that you will enjoy reading whats going on here at Calderdale Community Outreach Service. We have had some major changes over the last two months with a New kitchen and New ICT suite . We have also seen the arrival of a New member of staff Steven thoseby. This is part of drive to enable us to deliver accredited training and thus give the customers of our service a recognised qualification and credits to utilize in developing there skills or careers further. We have been working with HBOS bank who have been delivering art and craft sessions as part of their contribution to the community this has worked extremely well and has and will show benefits for both groups as we develop this relationship further. They have invited us to show case our work at the Halifax Headquarters. It has also been a challenging and educating time for the different members of staff and management who found the time

here to have opened their eyes and made them aware of the skills and ability's that our participants have and also the wider community and has broken down pre concieved ideas that they may have had.

As part of our relationship with Calderdale Cares. Business in the community,we have been working with Pennine Housing who fitted the kitchen and painted our ICT and Kitchen. We have also had support form the Yorkshire Building Society ,Yorkshire Bank and from Calderdale Community Foundation who have contributed to the ICT suite along with the Lloyds TSB Foundation who gave a large donation to the purchase of assisted technology. We have also been approached to work with Boots in the new year.The service is going forward in achieving the investors in people award and we hope to have some good news in May.

We have been working with the Youth offending team who have decorated areas within the service but have also come along to do reparation within the service and had disability awareness, training as part of there induction this has positive benefits both for the individuals who have come and the participants. Without the support of our volunteers and partners we would not be the organisation that we are and I must thank them. We as you can see have been really busy and are looking forward to the future developing our relationships with the community and opening up the oppertunity's and experiences for our customers.I hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative.

Kind Regards

Peter Wardhaugh