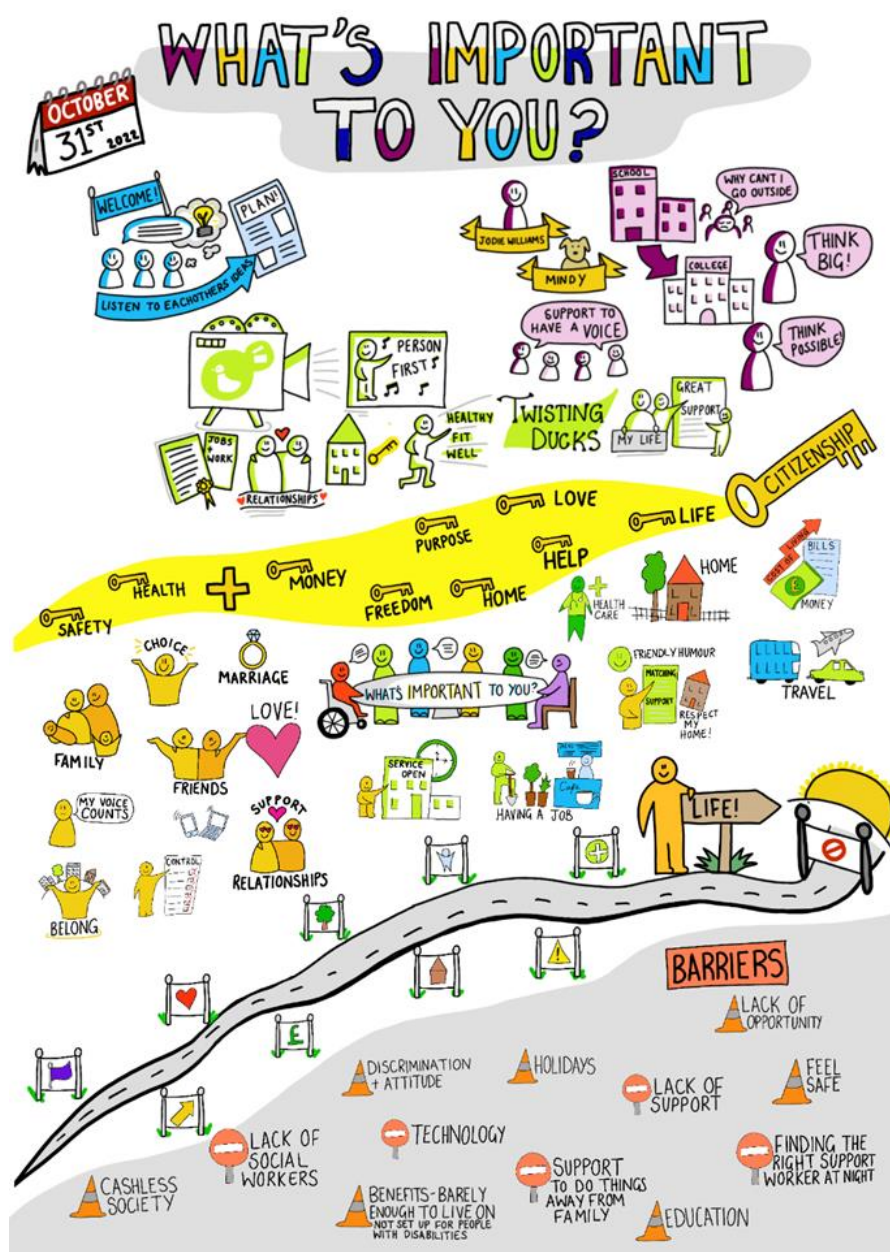


What's important to you?

Summary report of an event held by
Collaborative Newcastle Learning Disability Partnership
31 October 2022 at Newcastle Civic Centre



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An event 'What's important to you?' was hosted by Collaborative Newcastle Learning Disability Partnership on 31st October 2022.

Skills for People <https://skillsforpeople.org.uk/> organised the event.

We set out to hear from local people about what is important to and important for people with a learning disability as well as find out what barriers they face.

The views and ideas shared on the day will form the basis of a plan for the city, to make it the best place to live for people with a learning disability. Local people with personal experience, and those who work in health and social care organisations will work together on the priorities identified by local people.

102 people attended the event, a mix of people with a learning disability, their families and supporters, and health and social care staff.

We used the Keys to Citizenship as a structure for the day
<https://citizen-network.org/library/what-are-the-keys-to-citizenship1.html>

Some clear priorities were identified on the day. There are other key areas of concern which are identified in the report.

1 Relationships and community

- People want friends and connections: opportunities to spend time with groups of people, to meet friends and maintain friendships.
- Transport – the need for affordable and easy access to reliable public transport was identified.
- We were reminded of the importance of quality time with family, including children

2 Jobs

- People want jobs: where they can use their talents, (examples of helping others, training others), improve their self-esteem, and feel valued.
- Earning money would help with the following priority too.

3 Money

- The need for help to navigate the benefits system is clear.
- People want their 'own money' (i.e., control over their money); and enough money to be able to spend on what they want (holidays, Primark, 'putting a bet on').
- Some are struggling with very limited income.

4 Being safe

- People said they do not feel safe when out and about in their neighbourhoods, or town, but also some feel unsafe at home.
- This may be a mixture of experiencing harassment or hate crime, but also fear.
- Safety online was also identified as a priority.