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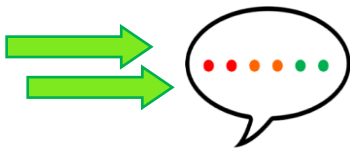


This meeting was held at Greenwood

Welcome and introductions



The co-chairs **Lynette** and **Musa** welcomed everyone to the meeting



You said we did



There is a presentation on the [Planning Together website](#)



CLDS updates from the last meeting



Molyn Kapuya introduced herself as the new Head of CLDS and Mental Health services



There will soon be a new service for people who find it hard to throw things away – this is called hoarding



Job Hub update



There is a presentation from Ellie Campbell and Leigh Grant on the

[Planning Together website](#)



The LD Job Hub helps to get people ready for work

- we also support you while you are working - this helps people feel happy and supported in their jobs
- there is no time limit – you can get support for as long as you need
- referrals come through CLDS, from social workers or support workers



You can meet the LD Job Hub team at Greenwood on **Wednesdays**, or online



Connect to Work and PIP

The Government wants to make it harder to get Personal Independence Payment (PIP) - they say this is because they will give more help to find jobs

CONNECT TO WORK

Funded by UK Government



A new service called **Connect to Work** is starting across England and Wales

- it will have local teams
- it is short term and voluntary – this means you don't have to do it
- it is different from the LD Job Hub or Job Centre Job Coaches

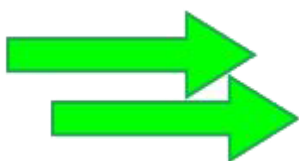


It would be good for the LD Job Hub to work with the Connect to Work team

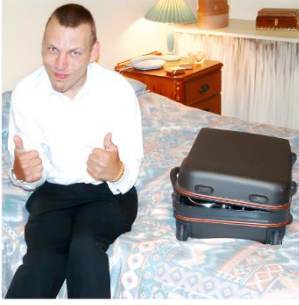


Camden Disability Action joined meetings to help design the new job support – they shared ideas from local disabled people

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Discuss the changes with PIP and Connect to Work at the agenda planning meeting



Short Breaks



There is a presentation from Jon Horn on the [Planning Together website](#)



Short Breaks are a way for people to take time away from home

- they are meant to be fun and exciting
- and they give families a rest and time to recharge



What people said about Short Breaks

- not enough beds – more places are needed for people to stay



- there should be **2** types of services
 - **1** for emergencies
 - **1** for planned breaks



- spaces must have the right support for people with complex needs, like PMLD

- people need different support depending on their age



- there should be fun trips out and chances to meet other people



- people should be able to learn new skills and keep some routines



- buildings should be colourful and welcoming
- staff should be there to help **24** hours a day **7** days a week



Wikis

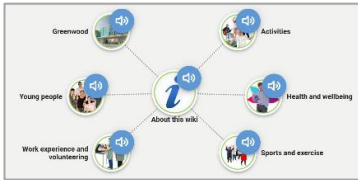


There is a presentation from Jane Saunders on the [Planning Together website](#)



A private wiki is like a digital **about me**

- you can add information that you want your support staff to know
- only people you choose can see your wiki
- you need a password to keep it safe and private



Public wikis are for sharing information in Camden and about Camden

- they are not for advertising other organisations
- you can include activities from places like Unity Works - but only as part of one of our wikis, such as the **things to do** wiki



Visit the Camden public wikis page by clicking on the link below

[Camden public wikis](http://www.rixwiki.org/camden)

www.rixwiki.org/camden



If you find it hard to find the website you can ask someone for help



If you use the same laptop or phone, you can save your login details to make it easier the next time



Fatima runs an IT coffee morning at Greenwood to help people with LD get online

It's every **Monday** from **10am** to **12.00pm**



Camden Disability Action have funding for a digital champion – this means there will be even more digital support at Greenwood



If you have any questions about wikis email jane.saunders@camden.gov.uk



Synergy



There is a presentation from Synergy on the [Planning Together website](#)



What people said about making information easier to understand

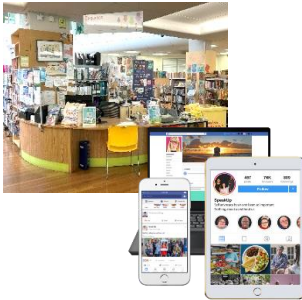
- use different ways to share information, like
 - Makaton
 - emails
 - or WhatsApp



- make information suitable for each person – this can include using
 - Plain English
 - easy read
 - pictures or visual aids



- help people get online by
 - offering more IT sessions
 - and giving access to computers and technology



- share information using
 - social media
 - libraries
 - billboards
 - share short summaries and links
 - and keep the Local Offer and Camden Care up to date



- meeting minutes should be short and focus on actions
 - staff should join accessible information sessions



Stay Cool



There is a presentation from Finley Kamen on the [Planning Together website](#)



What people said about staying safe in hot weather

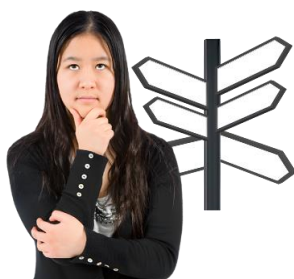
- Supported Living services have plans for hot weather



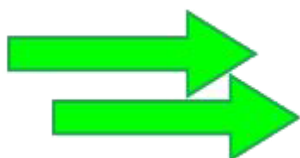
- Camden shares heat alerts to let people know when it's very hot



- it would help to also show cool places to go, like
 - libraries
 - or community centres



- put up signs and stands in busy places so people know
 - what to do
 - and where to go to stay cool



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Jane to add stay cool places to the libraries wiki



Councillor Anna Wright - feedback for the Council



People at the meeting voted **yes** to getting Gig Buddies, if Camden can find the money



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Feedback from Councillor Wright will be sent around after meeting

If you have any questions or comments email Louise at

louise.roberts@camden.gov.uk



Topics for future meetings



- family planning

- The Big Plan



- bereavement (the death of a loved one)



- benefits changes – Welfare Rights

- Carers Action Plan update



- accessing events and activities Camden

- anti-social behaviour

Any Other Business



More than **250** people came to Healthfest – it was a great day



To watch the Healthfest video, click on the link below

[Healthfest 2025 video](https://vimeo.com/1095918482)
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Next Planning Together meeting

The next Planning Together meeting will be



on **Wednesday 8 October 2025**



at **10am**



The meeting will be at **Greenwood**