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The Lived Experience Network

Lessons learned from the Lived Experience Network: Partnership, Practice, & Impact

Service User & Carer
Involvement Group
Making Experience Count



Development of LEN



- July 2012 - Meeting to assess need to develop a national network
- December 2012 - First meeting at Leeds Institute of Medical Education.
- Key moments
 - ✓ Jools Symons agrees to chair the network
 - ✓ Group proposes and votes for name of group
 - ✓ LEN goes live!



Values and Principles:



EVERYONE
is
welcome



Non-hierarchical





Celebrate & showcase our work





**Can-do
attitude**



**Share and learn
from each other**





**Informal, fun,
'battery charging'
atmosphere!**

LEN Statistics:



- 175 Members
- 78 Institutes
- Across the UK
- 10 Showcases/meetings
- 5 more showcases booked
- International members welcome!

Showcase Themes:



1. Bradford Working Group – Forming
2. Leeds – Identity
3. Lancashire Working Group – Developing the network
4. Southampton – Staff recognition and empowerment
5. Bradford – Developing the strategy
6. Liverpool – Collaboration
7. Surrey – Extending the scope
8. Sheffield – Payment
9. Oxford – Challenging the boundaries
10. Huddersfield – Routes of communication



Our take home messages



- Christine – Strength to carry on
- Jane - Sharing practice, power in partnership
- Dawne – Inspiration, putting the patient & carer at the heart of the picture
- David – Friendship
- Jools – Fun

Thank you