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