

Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative

1. What is the project?

Calne Area Board is running a project called 'Calne Voices', which aims to engage and promote the views, experiences and issues of people with learning difficulties and are on the autism spectrum.

Councillor Christine Crisp represents the Board on the steering group of Calne Voices alongside partners from Wiltshire People First, The Mill Race Activity Centre (Marden House), Keyring Wiltshire Commissioning team for people with disabilities and Springfields School.

This group is planning an arts project that will comprise 3 sessions with a professional art facilitator who will help a group of up to 30 local people with learning difficulties and autism express their views, experiences and issues through the medium of art. The finished art works will also serve as a resource to be shared with local schools, libraries, community groups and the area board to promote discussion, understanding and the reduction of misconceived perceptions of people with learning difficulties and autism.

2. Where is the project taking place?

The project will take place in Calne and will be open to people with learning difficulties from Calne and the surrounding area.

3. When will the project take place?

2 sessions will be held in January 2012 and a 3rd in February 2012.

4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

Wiltshire Council has recognised the need to engage with 'seldom heard' groups of people and has developed a county wide project called 'Wiltshire Voices'. People with learning difficulties and autism is one of the groups that has been identified by that project and 'Calne Voices' has been developed to engage with that group in Calne.

The project links to the Community Area Plan by providing activities that will promote community cohesion and pride.

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5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

The project will enable local people with learning difficulties and autism to express and promote their experiences, views and issues. It will also provide other members of the community opportunities to challenge misconceptions.
It will go on to influence actions and practices of Wiltshire Council and its partners.

6. Who will Project Manage this project?

Jane Vaughan – Community Area Manager

7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

FACILITATORS FEES:

Planning meeting 2hrs = £80

Prep time 3hrs = £120

Fees for 3 x 2.5hr sessions = £300

Travel costs @ 40p per mile = £50

Materials = £60

Work on presentation of final artwork(s) = £200

Total = £810

8. Additional information in support of the project

Calne Voices will fund all other costs related to this area board project e.g. Venues and refreshments etc.

The Mill Race Centre, Wiltshire People First and Keyring will provide supporters to work alongside participants in the project to ensure that they experience maximum benefit from the project.