

## Changing Places Event

Getting truly accessible loos in your area

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### Notes from the day

The day was funded by Valuing People Yorkshire & Humber and co hosted by Bradford People First and Inclusion North.

Tommy Redgrift from Bradford People First opened the day by welcoming everyone and explained that the day was about finding out what a Changing Place is, why they are important and how you can work to get a Changing Place in your area.

Maggie Graham Community Development Officer (Leeds & Wakefield) did a presentation on what a Changing Place toilet should look like and talked about the Changing Places campaign.

Maggie showed the Pamis DVD which is about people sharing their stories of how Changing Places toilets have made their lives easier.

You can contact Pamis using the web link below:

<http://www.dundee.ac.uk/pamis/campaigns>.



Darryl Smith talked about how Bradford have worked to get lots of Changing Places.

Darryl's presentation will go out with these notes



## Group Work

We split into 2 groups made up of different Partnership Boards from Yorkshire & Humber to think about these questions. These are the main things that people said:

### Why do we need changing places?

Inclusion  
Human Rights  
Dignity  
Respect  
Freedom  
Access  
Benefits all



### People and groups that can help you make it happen?

Get a good team of people around you  
Self Advocacy Groups  
Family members  
Voluntary & Community groups  
Inclusion Managers  
Day Centre Staff  
Occupational Therapists  
Elected Members  
Town Planning Officers  
Partnership Boards



## Laws, Strategies & Policies you can use to help:

- Disability equality Duty
- Disability Discrimination Act
- Valuing People Now
- Local Strategic Partnership
- Human Rights Act
- Putting People First
- Local Town Planning Strategies



## Where could you have a Changing Places toilet?

- New places & developments
- Leisure centres
- Churches, mosques, temples
- Shops
- Schools, colleges, universities
- Train & bus stations
- Cinema's

## Two top tips for making it happen:

- Show the Pamis DVD, it is a very powerful way to persuade people.
- Find out who is responsible and has the power to make it happen & get them involved with your group.

## How can we work together to make it happen:

- Start a regional campaign across Yorkshire & Humber



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