



Zoom Flash July 2021

We celebrated Learning Disability Week with a picnic in Saltwell Park. Thank you to everyone who came to join us. A special thank you to our friends at Northumbria Police and SMILE Through Sport







SMILE Through Sport was set up by Stephen Miller to support disabled people to take part in sport

To find out more ring 07749114807

<http://www.smilethroughsport.com>



We Are Human Too

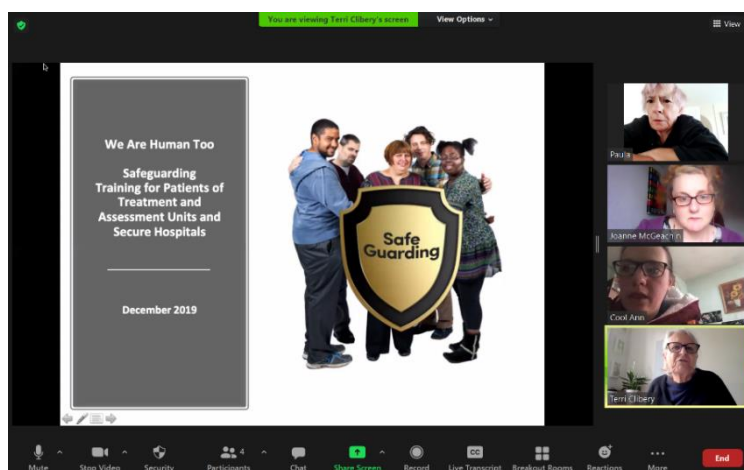
Self-advocates from Sunderland People First, Speaking Up Together and Skills for People set up a group called 'We Are Human Too' after the abuse at Whorlton Hall was exposed. You can find out more about We Are Human Too group with our video: <https://youtu.be/fbFRu6VRov0>

We have created a government petition to protect people with learning disabilities and autistic people from further abuse.

Link to Petition: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/588300>

Here is a link where you can find out who your local MP is:
<https://bit.ly/3zA22Nb>

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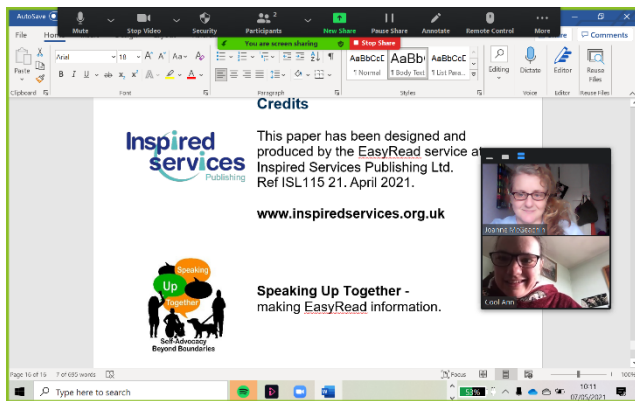
Safeguarding Training

Last month Ann and Paula practiced some training with We Are Human Too that we plan to deliver to people with learning disabilities to help them recognise abuse



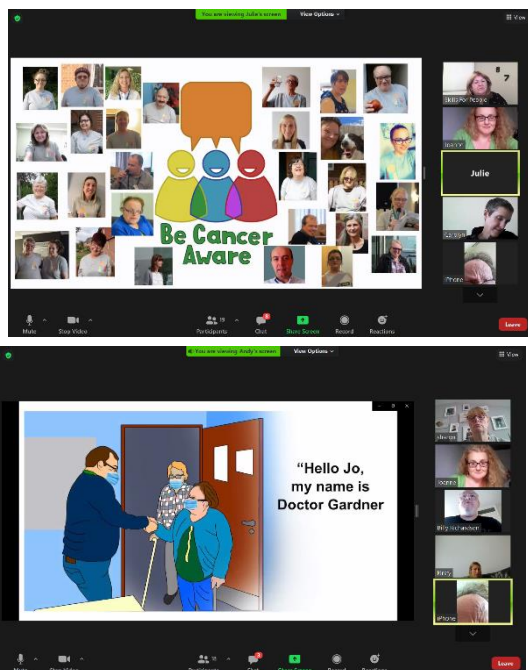
Well done

Congratulations to Ann, Ian, Gareth, Gordon, James, Mel who completed the Skills for Work course which we delivered with Elaine from Your Voice Counts. A big thankyou to our trainer Gary and our experts by experience Melissa, Ryan and Shaun who shared their stories with us.



Easy Read

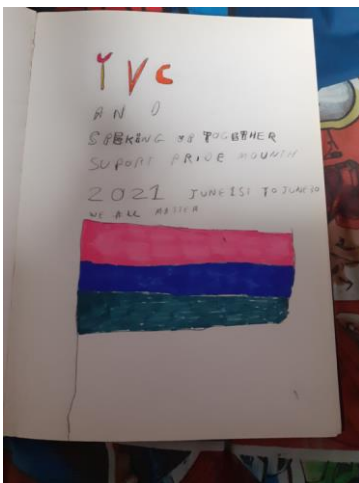
As ever we have been busy helping Inspired Services with their easy read documents.



Be Cancer Aware

David, Kirsty, and Peter have continued their work with the Be Cancer Aware Project. Peter recorded a voiceover for a photo story we have been working on. He plays Doctor Gardiner! Ani from Twisting Ducks helped us with editing

We will use this when we deliver our training online and face to face.



Pride Month

We have been looking at the history of LGBTQ+ Pride, starting with watching a film about the first Pride march in the world in New York in 1970 then called the Gay Liberation March. We then looked at a film about the History of Pride on Tyne. Here is a great poster made by Ian.

Derek has been interviewing people during the lockdown. This time it's Oli Wood, Your Voice Counts Co-Production Coordinator.

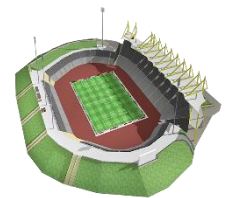
How have you spent the lockdown?

I haven't found the lockdown too difficult, but I know that it's not the same for a lot of people. I have been busy baking. I try to keep fit with my 2 daughters. I have also been working on different jobs with Northumbria University, the NHS and a mental health charity



What are your hobbies?

I enjoy reading, playing computer games and watching football especially Newcastle United .



What are you most looking forward to when lockdown ends?

I can't wait to meet everyone from Speaking Up Together and Your Voice Counts in person.



Oli did get to meet Derek in person at our Picnic in the Park 😊