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- **This edition has been written by Richard Maxfield Co chair of the Learning Disability Partnership Dorset**

Savings

We used to have a pot of money called 'Learning Disability Development Fund'. There is a lot less money this year.



We are using it to pay for Dorset People First, Dorset Advocacy, Transitions work, the Website and running the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

The Dorset Council has said that they will have to make changes to save money. The aim is to find ways of saving money while making sure services are just as good at meeting people needs.

What Dorset County Council Still Fund

Dorset County Council still fund Dorset People First to do Quality Checkers; quality checking Dorset County Council day services / centres and residential homes to see what people like and don't like about their day centre or residential home.



What Dorset County Council still fund pays for the Learning Disability Partnership Board and the website to run. Dorset County Council also pays Dorset People First to run the forum committee and go to the Partnership Board meetings.





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Total Communication

Total communication is all about using a number of different ways of communicating. It is easy to rely on words too much. Here are some things you can try:

- 1) Learn to sign (watch something special on CBeebies or BBC iplayer).
- 2) Use objects to tell someone what is happening today.
- 3) Try drawing a picture of what you want to say.
- 4) Make a photo picture menu or timetable using your digital camera.
- 5) Use symbols to make a communication keyring for when a person is out and about.
- 6) Cut out jargon!

The South West Total Communication Network gets together 3 times a year. We talk about signing, technology, books, easy read information and training. Everybody is welcome. You can sign up to get E-Newsletter and invites from our website:

www.totalcommunication.co.uk

Learning Disability Partnership Board Website

The Learning Disability Partnership Board website will have been running for three years in November. You will find all the latest minutes from the meetings .

It has a different Newsflash each week. It has information about Health, information about yellow books and extra pages which you can download and print to add to your book. It also has information about housing and a lot more information on it.



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• The Museum Makers

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The Museum Makers Group is a partnership between Dorset County Council and Dorset County Museum which consists of 16 members all of whom are adults with Learning Disabilities. The group has been going for 2 years now and meet on Mondays at the County Museum in Dorchester.

The latest project the group have worked on was the production of a play based on the short story The Withered Arm by Thomas Hardy. The play was adapted and directed by Dorset's very own Tim Laycock and was strongly supported by The New Hardy Players. After 8 months of rehearsals and prop making and lots of fun the play was performed at the Museum on Wednesday 13th July in front of an audience of about 50 people. This was an amazing success and all those involved had a wonderful time.

Feedback from those who attended was excellent and one of the actors has been invited to join the New Hardy Players. The Museum Makers group is now on a summer break and is due to start again on Monday 12th September. We are always happy to welcome new members or volunteers so if you are interested please contact Tina Hansen on 01305 251598.





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Tell us what you think of the newsletter.

What would you like to hear about?

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We will draw a winner from people who reply and interview them.

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