



Your Voice Network Meeting

Wed 13th October 2021

Who came?

 <p>Your Voice</p>  <p>Inclusion, Gloucestershire</p>  <p>People First Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 self - advocates came and• 5 people representing self-advocacy organisations	 <p>Cornwall People First</p>  <p>Devon People First</p>  <p>People First Dorset</p>  <p>Volunteer Centre Dorset</p>
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What did we talk about?



Hello and welcome everyone!

The icebreaker question was: What super power would you have?



The focus was **Housing**.

We watched a video about housing for disabled people.

<https://youtu.be/pzEiwPFiw80>

It talked about the problem with bidding for a property.

It talked about the fight that people have to get the right housing for their needs.

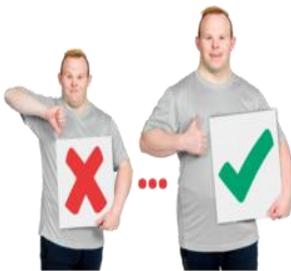
It talked about the need for change.

It talked about disabled people being seen as people that can add value to community.



We asked our group what are the main problems people face with housing?

People told us:



They do not want to be with men in shared housing.

They have their own bedroom but have to share everything else.

If heating or hot water cuts out, the housing association can't come out for 24 hours.

There is a lack of housing available.

There have not been any houses available for some people. Waiting times are very long.

A member had lived in 2-3 unsuitable places in the last 18 months.

Care is linked with housing.



Housing is inflexible.

Someone might want to be independent but can't get the hours of support they want.

A problem is not everyone can use computers. They cannot bid for houses online.

You get given a house without seeing it.

You are expected to be grateful for the house they give you but don't always know anyone in the area.

The housing process is not person-centred at all.

An example of good practice is person centred planning and support.

One idea would be to use private landlords – so there is more availability for homes.

People should not have to wait for housing associations or councils to find things.

We agreed that a really good idea would be to use one person to do several jobs when they fix things in your home. People can build a trust and feel safe in their own home.



Your Voice shared a report from Equality and Human Rights Commission.

It outlines that disabled people have the right to:

Live in the community with everyone else





Make their own choices.



Live how they want to.



We did an Autumn quiz.



Possible issues to talk about another time:

Transport
Bus issues



Annual Health Checks
GP services



Flu jabs
Covid booster



Dates for the diary

October 26th Coffee Morning 10.30am





November 10th Next Network meeting 12.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81674802458?pwd=eHFWaVZDTCthc09vRHFNajArbjRuUT09>

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