

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

No

Please tick as appropriate

Yes

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

**Q. 2 Can you give examples, either locally or nationally, of what you think has worked well over the last 10 years of *The same as you?***

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

The "away days" for groups of disabled people seem to be greatly enjoyed by them and helps them to mix and associate with others. Also, the workshop days where they are encouraged to develop skills in a fun way. The entire Borders Area of disabled and their helpers come together for these events within the Interest Link organisation.

### Good Practice - Individuals

**Q.5 What have you done, as an individual, to make positive changes within your local area?**

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Being a befriender with Interest Link for over ten years, I was well linked with one person whom I visit regularly. As the first person outwith the family to take her out, I was able to encourage independence & self-confidence in her. Years later, after the death of her parents and with help from Social Work for a short spell, she now lives alone, deals with money, shopping, cooks and takes much to the astonishment of her neighbours and doctor. Through old age and ailments I have had to give up other three people whom I look out regularly for nearly ten years. We had great fun! Thirty years ago I began work as a volunteer with Roxburgh Assn. of Voluntary Services in various ways before joining Interest Link.

## Future Priorities

**Q.10 What future priorities do we need to focus on?  
(Please list these in order of importance with the most important first)**

Please provide any comments and/or examples here

Appeal for more volunteers. Many have to retire  
More emphasis on linking people with similar  
interests to disabled.  
appeal to local people to come and help  
disabled on a particular days out - perhaps  
a picnic in the hills or day at sea-side.  
In my view the paralympics has been inspirational  
and much good may yet come from this.

**Thank you for taking the time to respond to the questionnaire. Your continued input and support is vital in ensuring that we continue to close the inequality gap that people with a learning disability face daily.**

**All completed questionnaires should be returned to Sarah Grant either by e-mail or at the address below. The closing date for responses is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

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