Wigtownshire Self Advocates Group
SAY? Consultation.
(Friday 21st September 2012.)

Photographs of Consultation Boards at the end of the session.

Question 1:
Questions 2 and 5:
Questions 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9:
Tell us what you think:

1. Do you think the idea is a good one?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Not sure

The Same as You? Consultation Easy Read

Wigtownshire Self Advocates Group

Consisting of:

- 6 Self Advocates: James Rice, Stuart McHarg, Robert McMillan, Jim Connor, Philip Andrews and one member not wishing to disclose their name.

- Facilitator: Melita Loaring (Local Area Coordinator, D&G Council)

- Supporters: Fiona Marshall (D&G Council), Yvonne Thomas (D&G Council), Kevin Keogh (User and Carer Involvement).
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What is your address and postcode?

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I am answering as............ (Please tick your answers)
A Person - No

Are you happy for your answers to be seen by other people? (on Scottish Government website)

Yes  No

If you are happy for your answers to be seen by other people please tick one of the boxes below.

☐ Yes, show my answers, name and address.

☐ Yes, show my answers but not my name and address.

☐ Yes, show my answers and name but not my address.

Are you happy for the Scottish Government to contact you about your answers?

Yes  No

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Organisation - Yes

Are you happy for your organisation and name and address to be seen by other people (on the Scottish Government website)

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Question 1
Do the things in the easy read consultation report reflect your views and opinions about services for people with learning disabilities?

(Please tick your answer)

Yes on the whole

You can put any comments about this question here.

On the whole the group agreed with most of the statements. However 2 members of the group disagreed with the statement around discrimination and one member was undecided around the statement about finding it hard to get support at school.
Question 2
What do you think has worked well over the last 10 years for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

This could be changes in your local community or all over Scotland.

Please write your answer here.

**Being able to take part in sporting activities in the community at local leisure centres such as the Ryan Centre in Stranraer and the Merrick Centre in Newton Stewart.**

**Working with Stranraer Football Club**

The opportunity to go bowling outside in Stranraer

Being included and helping to plan for the local pageant days

The local Activity Resource Centres have improved

Being a member of different groups such as the Camera Club

Taking part in local art and photography exhibitions – in the library

**Building Healthy Communities have helped people in Stranraer**
Question 3

What do you think still needs to be done by the Government to make the lives of people with learning disabilities and family carers better?

Please write your answer here.

Please see answers to following questions
Question 4 - (this question is for organisations only)

- What have you done in your organisation to improve services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?
- What have you done in your organisation to improve access to services for people with learning disabilities in your local area?

Please write your answer here.

Please See Question 5
Question 5
What have you done to make things better in your local area for people with learning disabilities and family carers?

Please write your answer here.

**Being part of a self advocacy group – speaking up about issues which concern us**

**Working in a local café – meeting people in the community**

**Being part of local peer project and the Progress Scotland project groups**

**Attending Committee meetings at the local Activity Resource Centres**

**Giving a presentation about Personalisation/SDS to members of the community in the local library**

**Joined in activities such as playing Bingo in the local village hall.**
Question 6
What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get access to good healthcare?

Please write your answer here.

**Better information about health services – larger print and with pictures.**

**For staff to be trained in communicating to people – to cut down words and make explanations easier to understand.**

**Patients (or Self Advocates) should be involved in the training of staff. (This is starting to happen locally – Learning Disability Champions scheme in Dumfries and Galloway).**

**Be able to make choices about who we want to see and when.**

**Our local NHS website is excellent**
Question 7

What do you think needs to be done to improve access to better education and learning for people with learning disabilities?

Please write your answer here.

There needs to be more support for people to explore all of the options available after school and college.

There should be a bigger choice of courses on offer.

There should be more support at college for people - for example on a one to one basis – some people have missed out on courses because there has been no money to pay for support.
People should have more of a say about the courses they want to take and not have other people make decisions for them.
Question 8
What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities live more independent lives?

Please put your answers here.

**People need support to voice their concerns – this will help them to be more independent.**

There needs to be more practical training in living independently e.g. cooking, ironing etc.

People will be more independent when they have their own budget – they can choose how to spend it.
Question 9
What do you think needs to be done to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?

Please write your answer here

**People need more support to get and stay in a job.**

**People need the chance to gain experience.**

**There needs to be fairer rules and equal rights.**

**We live in a rural area which means transport is an issue for people trying to get a job. The local transport system needs to get better.**

**Job placements are good to get experience but we need more of them.**
Question 10
What do you think are the things we need to do in the future to make the lives of people with learning disabilities better?
Please write the most important things first.

Please write your answers here.

Please see the previous four questions. The group felt all of their comments, thoughts and opinions were equally as important as each other.
Please write your answer here.