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Inclusion North News



Inclusion North will share an important news story and tell you about their own work here every two weeks.

The Citizenship Team

The team are currently working on a couple of things that will help to give more people a voice in the North East and North Cumbria.



1. A steering group

The team are putting together a steering group. People on the steering group will have a range of skills and experience which will help the team to think of new ideas and reach more people.



2. A quality of life and support questionnaire

The team have been asked to find out what people with a learning disability, autism and their family carers think about their Quality of Life.



So far we have had 50 responses from across the North East and North Cumbria.



The team will be presenting the results to the Executive Strategy group on the 21st of July.

In the news this week



The Guardian reported on Ultimate Thunder, a post-punk band in Leeds whose members have a learning disability.



The band started 11 years ago as an art project with the help of Leeds charity People In Action



The band are good at playing music without any previous planning. Someone tinkles a few notes on the piano or makes up a guitar tune, the drums kick in, and the main singer sings whatever is on their mind and they are off.



Playing live requires a lot of coordination of support workers and helpers, but they have gigged in Leeds and Bradford, sometimes alongside non-disabled bands.



They are now supported by Pyramid, another Leeds-based arts charity. The band have got £43,000 from the Arts Council to make their first record and have it professionally produced and promoted.