



CAERPHILLY PEOPLE FIRST

Christmas 2014 Newsletter



A Visit From Bulgaria



Caerphilly People First recently hosted a study visit by a group of 11 Bulgarian professionals from the 'Vision' organisation. The Vision agency provides services, information and training for people with disabilities and those in need of support in areas such as education, employment and culture. **(Continued on page 2)**





The aim of the visit was to find out more about supported employment, day opportunities and training opportunities in Caerphilly, as part of their 'Beyond Borders' project. To realise this, we showed them around

Brooklands Resource Centre, Springfield Resource Centre, and the various work projects in Woodfieldside - Pont Woodcraft, Blackberry Catering, and Crafts. The visitors were so impressed with the items produced in Woodfieldside that they purchased many items to take back with them to Bulgaria.

The leader and interpreter of the Vision team, Theodora Dimitrova, said the following in an email to us after the visit – 'Thank you for the warm welcome! Everything you showed us was wonderful. Thank you one more time for welcoming us'.

We would like to thank Lynda Williams, Team Manager in Caerphilly County Borough Council, and her staff, who were very helpful in arranging the visit at such short notice and who made the visitors feel so welcome.



YOUTH PROJECT



Since the Caerphilly People First Youth Project started in April 2013, it has progressed to the level we hoped it would. We now have 10 people who attend the twice-monthly meetings, and many of these have already begun training. In 2014 we will concentrate more on training on self-advocacy, hate crime, abuse, and

cooking. The meetings are a good place to meet up, make friends, and socialise with your peer group. On 9th December, we had an early Christmas party which was a hit with everyone who attended. The Youth Group would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



INTERVIEW PANEL

On the 23rd November 2013, four members of Caerphilly People First were part of the panel interviewing for a new member of staff at Ystrad Mynach Resource Base. Ray Dummett, Mark Williams, Dawn Evans and Jonathan Whitehead interviewed 5 candidates for the Day Centre Officer job, and the 4 members of the interview panel made a recommendation which was successful. The interview panel should be congratulated for their hard work and professional attitude during the process.

Future Events

Monday 16th December 2013:

**Person Centred Planning
Strategic Planning Group Meeting**

Tuesday 17th December 2013:

Community Voices Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday 18th December 2013:

Gwent Adult Safeguarding Board Sub-group Meeting

Thursday 9th January & Thursday 16th January 2014:

Learning Disability Awareness Training



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