

This leaflets looks at the NDTi's work on :

Community Inclusion

At the National Development Team for Inclusion we believe that communities are better places when everyone can take part.

This includes people who have poor health or need a lot of support in their lives. We help many groups to make this happen, including :

- People with learning disabilities
- People with mental health problems
- Older people who need support
- Young people who are becoming adults



What we do

- We help organisations to make their policies and plans better, to improve the lives of people who need support.



- We work with groups and teams of people to check what is happening in their work and plan what happens next and how to make this better.



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- We train staff in new ways of working and making change.



The way we work

- We think that the best results happen when we work together with other people, especially people who use services.



- We look at new ways of involving everyone and try to make sure we think about the important things in each place.



- We know that life has many different areas to it and is usually not simple. We always try to remember this in our work.



What we mean by Community Inclusion

- People who use health or social care services can find that they are not able to take part in other areas of life.

We work with other people to try to change this and help people to take part in the things they want to.



- Inclusion means the chance to live the kind of life that you want in the place you choose.



Most people want a home, a job, friends and help to do the things they want to.

- We work with people and communities to fight hate crime and unfair treatment.
- we want to make sure that everyone can take part fully and belong



Community Inclusion help from the NDTi: main areas of work

Planning

People who plan and buy in services need to change how they do this to make sure that things get better for the people who use services.



Unless this happens, many people will carry on finding it difficult to do the things they want to.

Organisations and groups also need to work together to improve things, this can be done through local partnerships.



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The NDTi can work with partnerships to check whether the planning and buying services are helping to support people in their areas to have better lives.

We can also help to make plans to change things.



Independent Living

Some NDTi staff have worked with the government to make policy to help people to live independently.

We can help to really give people more choice and control over the support they need to live the lives they want in their own communities.



Social Inclusion Training

The NDTi runs over 20 different courses in social inclusion training, which looks at ways of helping people to take part more in their community.

The training can be adapted so that people can choose which courses will suit them best.



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There is a separate leaflet about these courses



Evaluation and Audit

We have designed different ways of helping people to check whether projects are working or not and how and why changes are happening.

These include:

- The Inclusion Web, which helps staff to work with people to look at how many people they know, things they do and places they go to in their community.
- Helping to check whether the time and money spent helping people to get and keep jobs is making a difference to people's lives.



Staff and Team Work

We have also designed ways to help staff to understand how to work in better ways, so that more people can take part in the things they want to do and have more choice and control over their support.



About the NDTi

The NDTi is an independent organisation and we do not try to make a profit from our work.

We work to make life better for people who need support to live their lives.

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We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to live the life they want and to be a part of their community.



Our work covers a number of different areas in addition to community inclusion. These include:

- jobs and paid work



- housing



- times when life changes



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- choice and control
- person centred approaches.



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