



FAMILY LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL BUDGETS

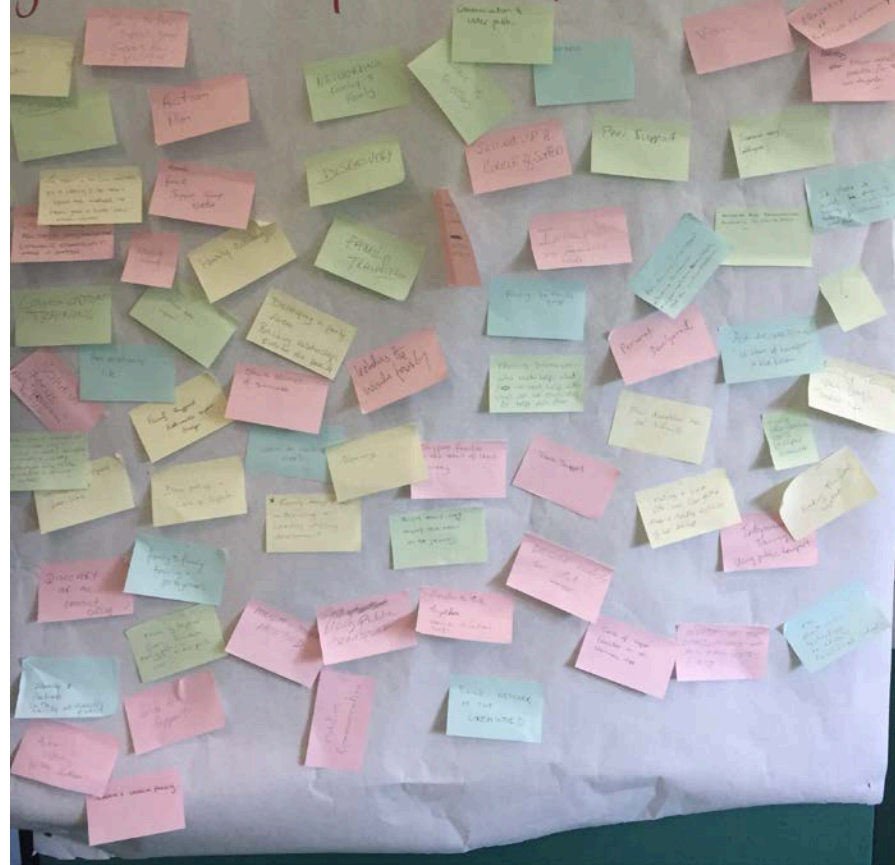
Match Report

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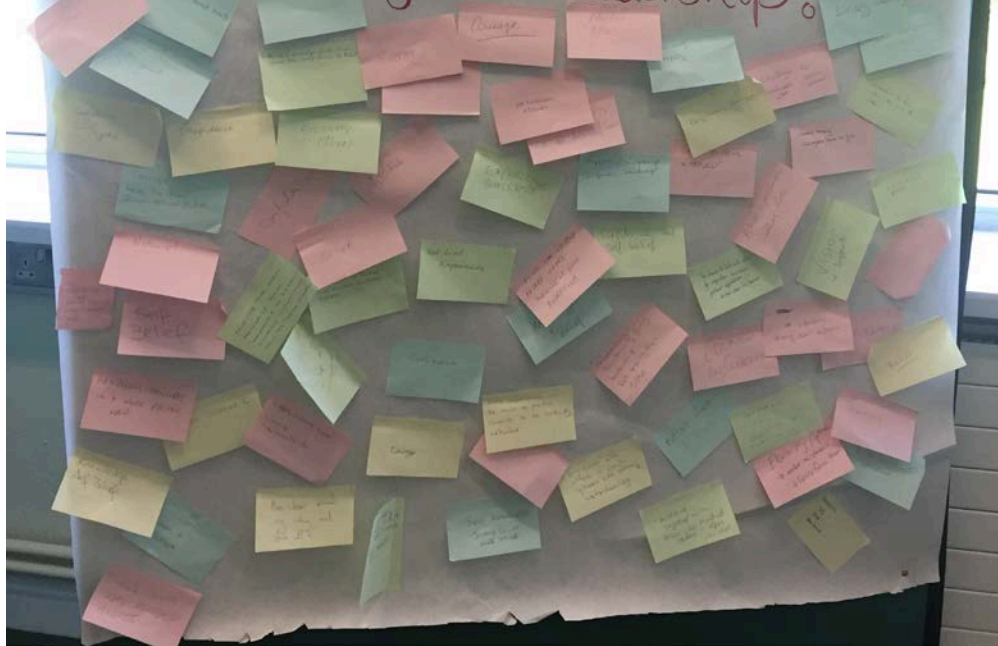
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WHAT FAMILY Leadership Action or
goal would you choose to invest in?



Leadership is the ability to Inspire,
yourself + others to positive Action!!
What DO you NEED TO grow
your own leadership?



Family leadership

- The natural authority of families to relentlessly pursue a good life
- Leading from the 'heart of the family not the head of the table'
- Collective family leadership is needed, not just individual family leadership
- Response to the lack of a wider social justice movement for access and inclusion
- Invest in building the capacity of families
- Recognises families need support to negotiate systems
- Addresses the power imbalance inherent in the system

Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.
Arthur Ashe



What is family leadership

- Starts with capacity building
- Developing a vision of a good life and challenging low expectations
- Independent facilitation, advocacy for rich meaningful lives
- Resources families with skills – communication, critical thinking skills, frameworks for action, resilience
- Relationship building and personal networks
- Pursuing normative as opposed to special pathways

Why family leadership is needed

- Disabled people and families need to play an active role in shaping understandings of family leadership so that disability research, policy and services has relevance to their everyday lives and individual needs.
- Families play an important part in shaping social and community consciousness on issues of inclusion and disability, and yet their contribution and voice often remains unheard
- Create new knowledge and reframe the experience of disability and family narrative
- Growing and sustaining family leaders

2018 exchange addressed the critical leadership challenges

- Celebrate successes
- 'Special – ordinary loop' is slowing progress
- Broadening of understanding of family and communities
- Sharing knowledge on how to manage systems
- Beginning early
- Walking alongside people and families
- How do we resource and nourish families
- Kitchen table to broader social change movement

While many people have broken the membrane of special system, we understand that there is much more work to do.

