

Moving into Adulthood

Programme

- 9.30 am:** Registration & Refreshments
- 10.00am:** Welcome & Introductions
- 10.10am:** Keynote Speaker - Steve Broach, Monckton Chambers
- 10.45am:** Q&A
- 11.00am:** Nicola Gitsham – SEND Reforms, Preparing for Adulthood
- 11.25am:** Break & Exhibition
- 11.40pm:** Janet Johnson (OCC) – What’s changing locally?
- 12.10pm:** Q &A
- 12. 25pm:** Oxfordshire’s online Community – Neil Morris
- 12.45pm:** Lunch & Exhibition
- 1.45pm:** Support Planning – Liz Wilson, parent & Family Consultant for Dimensions UK
- 2.15pm:** Q&A
- 2.30pm:** Employment: The prospects & the pitfalls – Toby Staveley & Yellow Submarine
- 2.50pm:** Break & Exhibition
- 3.10pm:** Supported Employment - Kathy Melling
- 3.30pm:** Q&A
- 3.40pm:** Housing Options- Andy Withers - Golden Lane Housing
- 4.10pm:** Q&A
- 4.20pm:** Closing remarks
- 4.30pm:** Close

Speaker Profiles

We are pleased to announce that **Steve Broach**, Barrister at Monckton Chambers will be our keynote speaker



Steve practices across the broad spectrum of public law. His practice has two main focal areas. Firstly, Steve has particular interest and expertise in the rights of children (in particular disabled children) and disabled adults and others in need of services and support.

Steve is co-author of Children in Need: [Local Authority Support for Children and Families](#) (Legal Action Group, 2013) and [Disabled Children: A Legal Handbook](#) (Legal Action Group, 2010). He wrote the chapter on the Independent Safeguarding Authority (now Disclosure and Barring Service) in [Professional Discipline and Healthcare Regulators: A Legal Handbook](#) (Legal Action Group, 2012). Steve was awarded Young Barrister of the Year at the Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year Awards 2011.



Kathy Melling

We are delighted to welcome back **Kathy Melling**.

Kathy became the National Employment Lead for Valuing People Now at the Department for Health in 2009, and worked as part of the Valuing Employment Now cross-Government team until it was disbanded. Her most notable achievements in this role include writing and publishing a cross-Government definition and best practice guidelines for supported employment, developing the Valuing People Now employment resource hub, and supporting local areas to develop employment pathways across service and agency boundaries.

Kathy was involved in the establishment of the British Association of Supported Employment where she continues to be an active member of the National Executive Committee. She worked with LSIS (Learning and Skills Improvement Service) on the introduction of National Occupational Standards for supported employment and now works as an independent trainer and consultant

Nicola Gitsham, Programme Lead for Preparing for Adulthood is great supporter of OxFSN and we're delighted she's agreed to speak at this event.

The Preparing for Adulthood programme (PfA) is funded by the Department for Education as part of the delivery support for the [SEN and disability reforms](#).

The Preparing for Adulthood programme is delivered by a partnership between the [National Development Team for inclusion](#) and the [Council for Disabled Children](#). The partnership brings together a wide range of expertise and experience of working with young people and families, at a local and national level and across government, to support young people into adulthood with paid employment, good health, independent living and friends, relationships and community inclusion. The Preparing for Adulthood team previously worked on key transition programmes including the Transition Support Programme, Valuing People Now, Valuing Employment Now (Getting a Life project, Jobs First, Aspirations for Life and Project Search) and Learning for Living and Work.



Nicola Gitsham



Janet Johnson is the Special Educational Needs Manager for Oxfordshire County Council and has responsibility for children and young people with SEN aged 0 to 25. Janet has over twenty years of teaching and advisory experience. For the last five years she has held a key strategic role in Oxfordshire and has been instrumental in driving through the changes arising from the Children and Families Act 2014.

Janet Johnson

Toby Staveley has a masters degree in Learning Disabilities and Mental Health from the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College. He founded the Oxfordshire charity, Yellow Submarine, in 2009. The goal was to provide better holiday support for people such as his late uncle who had down syndrome. The organisation has rapidly grown over the last 6 years and now runs various innovative projects to support people with disabilities from 11 through to adulthood. The charity's transition club won the coveted "Youth Project of the Year" award in March this year. In early 2013 Toby started the Yellow Submarine social enterprise café in central Oxford as a means to train, employ and give people with learning disabilities a sense of purpose. With tiered opportunities it has hosted over 30 trainees. In September it became the first business in Oxfordshire to offer people with learning disabilities apprenticeships. The café has been voted by the public on Tripadvisor as the number 1 restaurant in Oxford.



Toby Staveley



Liz Wilson, a family carer across the generations, grew up with a brother and three cousins with learning disabilities and in her early 20's became auntie to another young chap. Now the mother of a gorgeous 18 year old with Downs Syndrome she has seen many changes over the years and knows first hand the power of informed and active families to create positive change. Over the last three decades Liz had worked in mediation, advocacy and family leadership with a focus on all things person centred. The one thing that hasn't changed in her lifetime is the love and dedication of families, still both awesome and humbling – but person centred thinking brings a powerful combination of vision and pragmatism that families can use to take their lives forward in an ever changing landscape. Liz is now employed as a Family Consultant for Dimensions and also works as an associate for the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) on the Better Lives project.

Neil is currently working on a PhD part time at the University of York's Department of Social Policy and Social Work. His fieldwork involves the establishment and development of an online community in Oxfordshire for people with a connection to people with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire. His previous educational qualifications include a Certificate in Teaching People with Disabilities, a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, and an M.A. in Policy Studies.

Neil Morris

Neil was first introduced to the internet in 1989. He has been developing, moderating and managing online forums in the disability and mental health areas since 1996. This includes three forums which he has run in partnership with the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities since 2000. Neil worked with colleagues with learning difficulties to develop the first ever website for a self advocacy organisation in 1995. He has a special interest in web usability and accessibility, and the internet's potential to empower people at a local and (inter)national level.

He grew up in New Zealand, and has worked with people with learning disabilities since 1983. He now works with Together 4 Change, an organisation aiming to bring about improvements in the lives of people who have social or health needs.



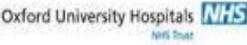
Andy Withers

Andy has worked in housing for over 20 years. He gained valuable Housing Development experience while working at London & Quadrant Housing Trust and Salvation Army Housing Association before joining Golden Lane Housing as Development Manager in 2013. He is strongly committed to providing high quality housing solutions for people with learning disabilities.

Moving into Adulthood – Exhibitors

	<p>Abingdon and Witney College Steps programme for students with learning difficulties and disabilities) For further information please contact 01235 (Abingdon) 01993 (Witney) E- Mail : enquiry@abingdon-witney.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Adviza is a registered charity that was formerly known as Connexions Thames Valley. Our purpose and our passion is to deliver high quality services to support young people and others making important decisions in their lives see web: http://www.adviza.org.uk/</p>
	<p>The Autism Family Support project develops support services for people whose son/daughter/family member has been diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder. Tel: 01844 338696 E-mail: info@autism-fs.org.uk Website: www.autism-fs.org.uk</p>
	<p>Choice provides personalised residential and supported living services for young people aged 16+ through to older adulthood with learning disabilities, complex emotional/behavioural needs, including autism, and mental health disorders. We support each individual's progress towards maximum independence with person-centred education, employment and leisure opportunities and therapeutic interventions, including in-house psychology. Website: http://www.choicecaregroup.com/</p>
	<p>Dimensions is a specialist provider of a wide range of services for people with learning disabilities and people who experience autism. We are a not-for-profit organisation, supporting around 3,500 people and their families throughout England and Wales. We have been providing support packages for families for almost 40 years. We offer a range of support services to children and adults of all ages, including those with complex needs or challenging behaviour. Tel: 0300 8738730 website: www. dimensions-uk.org</p>
	<p>GFI is an exciting provision that facilitates social opportunities and personal development to young people aged 16 years and over with Learning Disabilities in Oxfordshire. Website: http://www.goforituk.org/</p>
	<p>GLH helps people with a learning disability in a number of ways, including; providing high quality rented housing tailored to meet and individuals specific needs; family and shared ownership; helping families make long term plans through the use of legacies and family trusts; offering general advice and guidance. Tel : 0845 604 0046 E-mail: enquiries@glh.org.uk . website: www.glh.org.uk</p>

	<p>Pathways at Henley college (for students with learning difficulties and disabilities) For further information please contact the department on 01491 634067. Website: http://www.henleycol.ac.uk/henleycollege/courses/pathways/main.html</p>
	<p>Hft supports people with learning disabilities and their families to live the life they choose. We have services across Oxfordshire, ranging from supported living and registered care, to flexible support and respite and can tailor that support to individual needs. Tel: 01235 831686 E: hftsouthoxonandberks@hft.org.uk</p>
	<p>Home From Home Care provides a range of specialist needs-led services for adults (18-64) with learning disabilities and complex support needs including Autism, Epilepsy, Severe Learning Disabilities, Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities and High Vulnerability. Tel: 0800 587 0372 website: www.homefromhomecare.com</p>
	<p>In Life Path Trust we provide a range of services which help people with a learning disability to live their life to the full. Tel: 024 7665 0530 website: www.life-path.org.uk</p>
	<p>MacIntyre is a national charity that provides learning, support and care for more than 700 children and adults with learning disabilities, at more than 120 MacIntyre services across the UK. Tel: 01908 230100 website: www.macintyrecharity.org</p>
	<p>Mates and Dates is a specialist dating and friendship agency for people with learning disabilities based in Oxfordshire. Tel: 01993 899980 E-mail: hwolstenholme@guidepoststrust.org.uk Website: www.matesanddates.org.uk</p>
	<p>Mencap is the leading voice of learning disability. Everything we do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers. Website: www.mencap.org.uk</p>

	<p>My Life My Choice is a self advocacy organisation run by and for people with learning difficulties in Oxfordshire. Contact: Tel: 01865 204214 e-mail: office@mylifemychoice.org.uk website: www.mylifemychoice.org.uk</p>
	<p>Oxfordshire Family Support Network (OxFSN) is a unique organisation based in Oxfordshire. We provide independent information, advice and support by families for families of people with learning disabilities. Tel: 01865 890326, E-mail info@oxfsn.org.uk website www.oxfsn.org.uk This event has been organised by OXFSN come and visit our stand and find out more about what we do</p>
	<p>Parent Partnership Service: Parent Partnership Oxfordshire aims to help parents, carers and educational professionals to work together to provide the best possible support to children with special educational needs. For further information visit web: http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/support-parents-children-special-educational-needs</p>
	<p>SENSS: Oxfordshire County Council's SENSS works in partnership to secure good outcomes and a positive future for children and young people (C&YP) with SEN and/or a disability (Autism, Speech, Language & Communication Needs, Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Multi-Sensory Impairment, Physical Disability, Downs and Complex Needs</p>
	<p>OCC – Children with Disabilities team – Transition Social Workers</p>
	<p>Amy Allen: Amy is the Deprivation Of Liberties Manager at Oxfordshire Council. She will be providing information on the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS's)</p>
	<p>Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/default.aspx Stephanie Ross – Learning Disability Liaison Nurse 01865 743324</p>
<p>Oxfordshire's online LD community</p>	<p>Neil Morris is one of our speakers today and is developing an online community for people with Learning disabilities and their families. Visit his stand to find out more.</p>
	<p>Oxfordshire Unlimited is an organisation controlled by people with physical difficulties. We plan to make our voice heard in the right places to ensure that everyone has equality of opportunity. Tel: 0845 121 4112</p>

	<p>Parent Carers Voice Oxfordshire is a forum for disabled, SEN and additional needs children to enable them to speak up about services and support. For more information contact Michelle Tel: 01235 520440 or email:michelle@oxoncarersforum.org.uk</p> <p>The group also have a facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ParentCarersVoiceOxfordshire</p>
	<p>QEF is a leading disability charity working with people with physical and learning disabilities or acquired brain injuries to help them gain new skills and increase independence for life.</p> <p>Tel: 01372 841100 Fax: 01372 844072 for further information please visit web: http://qef.org.uk/</p>
	<p>The Richardson Partnership for Care provides specialist Residential Care Homes for Adults with Acquired Brain Injuries or Learning Difficulties. The Richardson Partnership for care has residential care homes for adults with Acquired Brain Injuries or Learning Difficulties.</p> <p>website: http://www.careresidential.co.uk/</p>
	<p>We offer a variety of music activity groups for disabled children, young people and their families giving them the opportunity to enjoy regular music making sessions. We have been calling our community music making sessions - 'commusication' for many years as we believe music has the potential to be a tool to aid communication. For further information visit web: http://www.soundabout.org.uk/#</p>
	<p>We are the charity for people with Severe learning disabilities whose behaviour challenges. We're making a difference to the lives of children and adults across the UK through: Information about challenging behaviour peer support for family carers and professionals, Supporting families by phone or email, running workshops to reduce challenging behaviour and speaking up for families.</p> <p>Website: http://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/</p>
	<p>Thomley Activity Centre is a recreational and informal education facility for disabled children, their families, friends, schools and groups. They also provide activity days for adults with learning disabilities</p> <p>Tel: 01844 338380 e-mail enquiries@thomleyhall.org. Website: www.thomleyactivitycentre.org</p>
	<p>Young Epilepsy is a national charity that supports the 112,000 children and young people under 25 with epilepsy in the UK. We know there is a huge demand for information and support for parents and professionals and a need to improve access to, and quality of, health and education services.</p> <p>For further information visit web: http://www.ncype.org.uk/</p>