



# WY-FI Project Newsletter



March 2017

## WY-FI beneficiaries

**1050**

the number of beneficiaries the WY-FI Project aims to work with by 2020

**469**

the number of beneficiaries we have started working with at the WY-FI Project

**252**

the number of beneficiaries currently active  
\*as at 31.01.2017

*supporting people  
with multiple needs  
in West Yorkshire*

## Welcome

We look forward to welcoming Sharon Heywood who will be joining the Education, Training & Employment and BME team as Administrator in Dewsbury on Tuesday 14 March

## In the news

**The Bridge Project teams with WY-FI and Morrisons to help feed vulnerable, Telegraph & Argus**

A Bradford charity has teamed up with a supermarket giant to help provide healthy meals for some of the most vulnerable people across the district [Read more](#)

**New funding improves support for the most vulnerable people in local communities**

The Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) coalition has welcomed £2.78 million in new funding from the Big Lottery Fund to significantly expand support for people with multiple needs across England over the next five years. [Read more](#)

## Subscribe

To subscribe to the WY-FI Project newsletter, please email [sarah.stead@disc-vol.org.uk](mailto:sarah.stead@disc-vol.org.uk)

## Events

**WY-FI Annual Learning Event 2017**

**From short changed to system change**

The WY-FI Project supports people with multiple needs across West Yorkshire. We gather evidence about what works and what doesn't work in order to influence system change. At this year's annual event, we will share our learning from year 3 of the WY-FI Project.

**What will we cover?**

- What works about the WY-FI approach
- Evidence from the WY-FI Project
- Independent evaluation of the WY-FI Project
- Hear about our specialist work with women, prison leavers and people from BME communities who experience multiple needs
- The results of our street research
- What is the WY-FI Network?
- How does learning facilitate recovery?
- Local system change action plans and the WY-FI System Change Action Network
- The benefits of co-production

Thursday 27 April 2017 9:00-15:00, Leeds [More info and how to book your place](#)



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## Workforce Development

### Women's Champion Training

Do you have the time, the skills and the empathy to provide practical and emotional support to women with multiple and complex needs? Together Women Projects (TWP) are recruiting Women's Champions to support women released back into the community. [More info](#)

### Understanding multiple needs in BME communities - 7 places left

This course is aimed at front-facing staff and managers seeking to improve the support available to individuals from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities. Participants will explore the key barriers faced by individuals from BME communities who experience multiple needs of housing, addiction, re-offending and/or mental ill health. Participants will learn more about why BME communities are less likely to access support services than those from white British backgrounds and ways in which to improve access through careful consideration and acknowledgement of diversity. Tuesday 28 March 2017 9:30 – 16:30 Leeds [More info](#)

### Drug and Alcohol Awareness

This course will provide front-facing staff with an understanding of substance use and its impact. It will explore a wide range of substances including alcohol and 'legal' highs, their effects, legal implications, harm reduction and recovery approaches. Friday 31 March 2017 9:30 - 16:30 Leeds [More info](#)

### Multi-agency Practice Development Groups

Multi-agency Practice Development Groups are now running in Kirklees, Calderdale and Wakefield. They are for any front-facing staff who wish to develop their skills and knowledge around multiple and complex needs. If you are interested in joining, would like to come along or would like further information, please contact Roger Abbott [roger.abbott@disc-vol.org.uk](mailto:roger.abbott@disc-vol.org.uk) or 0113 887 0045

- Wakefield  
Wednesday 8 March 2.30pm-4.30pm at Foundation, Trinity House, Union Square, Wakefield WF1 1TX
- Calderdale  
Tuesday 14 March 10.00am-12.00pm at Foundation, 21 Bull Green, Halifax HX1 2RZ
- Kirklees  
Thursday 16 March 2.00pm-4.30pm at Lifeline, 12 Station Street, Huddersfield HD1 1LZ

## WY-FI Kirklees

Roxanne, WY-FI Navigator in Kirklees, has undertaken to complete an amazing 10 missions to raise money for the Mission. If you would like to find out more and even support Roxanne in her quest please see the attached poster [Donate here](#)

## Care Quality Commission

CQC inspection of Airedale General Hospital (Steeton) starts on 28 March

CQC want to hear if you have received any feedback about this Trust from the people / organisations you work with. You don't have to give your name.

- [www.cqc.org.uk/tellus](http://www.cqc.org.uk/tellus)
- 03000 616161
- [enquiries@cqc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cqc.org.uk)



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## Latest reports

### It's no life at all – Rough sleepers' experiences of violence and abuse on the streets of England and Wales, Crisis

A new report by homeless charity Crisis has revealed the shocking level of violence and intimidation homeless people face in England and Wales. Researchers speaking to people sleeping rough found:

- more than one in three have been deliberately been hit, kicked, or experienced some other form of violence while homeless
- over one in three (34%) have had things thrown at them
- almost one in 10 (9%) have been urinated on while homeless
- more than one in 20 (7%) have been the victim of a sexual assault
- almost half (48%) have been intimidated or threatened with violence whilst homeless; and
- six in 10 (59%) have been verbally abused or harassed. [Read more](#)

### Engaging ethnic minorities with multiple needs

Peer research from across Nottingham, Manchester and West Yorkshire into engaging people from BME communities experiencing multiple needs. This briefing paper looks at:

- Why don't BME groups engage with services?
- BME engagement on the Fulfilling Lives programme
- How are Fulfilling Lives projects engaging BME groups?
- Key lessons learned about engagement
- What individuals with lived experience of homelessness, addiction, re-offending and/or mental ill health would like to see occur [Read more](#)

## System change: influencing policy

### Work, health and disability: improving lives

WY-FI submitted a response to the consultation on the '[Work, health and disability green paper: improving lives](#)' by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department of Health. Our response included comments on the following areas of the consultation:

- the current system of health assessments
- the role of Job Centre work coaches
- the employment support and training currently being offered through Job Centres, and
- the role of employers in supporting people with multiple needs in the workplace.

The response included examples of relevant WY-FI practice and was informed by project-wide learning and contributions from staff, Peer Mentors and Experts. The outcome of the consultation is expected to be published shortly. For more information, contact Ivelina Metchkarova-Taylor [ivelina.metchkarova-taylor@disc-vol.org.uk](mailto:ivelina.metchkarova-taylor@disc-vol.org.uk) 0113 887 0030



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## Research: WY-FI Personalisation Fund

The WY-FI Personalisation Fund is one of two funds set up to help meet beneficiaries' needs where there is a gap in existing provision in order to support them on their journey towards leading a more fulfilling life. This research examines:

- the way the fund is being used
- analysis of applications to the fund by gender
- whether there is any correlation between use of the fund, journey length, beneficiary engagement and outcomes for beneficiaries [Read more](#)

For more information contact Mark Crowe [mark.crowe@disc-vol.org.uk](mailto:mark.crowe@disc-vol.org.uk) 0113 887 0044

## Free courses for women in Wakefield

### Building self esteem

This course gives women space to think about themselves and how they think, feel and behave. It is an opportunity to consider choices and get to know yourself.

Six week course starting Tuesday 7 March 2017

10:00-12:00, Wakefield [More info](#)

Other courses include:

- Confidence building
- Managing Low Mood
- Managing Anxiety and many more...

## Fulfilling Lives: Supporting people with multiple needs

As a partner in the Big Lottery Funded 'Fulfilling Lives: Supporting People with Multiple Needs' Programme we are pleased to be involved in a national programme that aims to improve the lives and wellbeing of people with the most complex needs who are currently excluded or disengaged from services [Find out more](#)