

Social inclusion



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Boating – what does it give us?



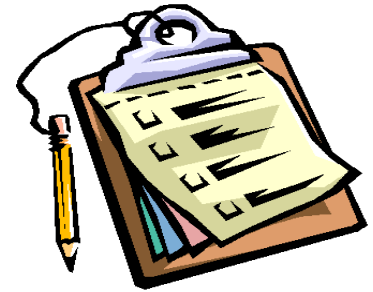
- Brief, time-limited, social contact with a lot of people
- Contained holiday accommodation that provides sensory stimulation with little effort
- Opportunity to break down barriers
- Opportunity to forge real friendships
- Team building
- Complex but routine tasks that people can succeed at.

Higher or Lower.....



- What percentage of the adult population has a disability?
- How many people out of each 100 would you expect to have a learning disability?
- What percentage of people with a disability use a wheelchair?
- What percentage of people acquire their disability during their working lives?
- To the nearest million how many carers are there?
- *Statistics taken from Disability in the United Kingdom January 2010 and Carers Uk*

Government agenda



- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995, extended in 2005
- Covers
- Employment, education, access to goods, facilities and services, including larger private clubs and land-based transport services, buying or renting land or property including making it easier for tenants to make disability-related adaptations, functions of public bodies, for example issuing of licences
- Reasonable adjustment

Social Care and Health Agenda (and others)



- Personalisation agenda
- Valuing people 2001, refresh Valuing People Now
- Our Health, Our Care, Our Say
- Probation

Carers



- Carers Act 2008
- No respecter of age, ability or position
- Often socially isolated
- Carers from black and minority ethnic communities

Worklessness and Employment



- If you have jobs that have a high turnover due to the repetitive nature of the work, consider employing someone with a learning disability.
- There are financial incentives from the Department of Work and Pensions when employing someone who is either workless or long term unemployed.

Conclusions



- Social inclusion is so important because a disability can happen to anyone at anytime.
- It needs to be considered in all the areas that you operate within.
- Boating and the activities relating to it have a lot of natural advantages when it comes to social inclusion.

