



**Sharing our views on leading healthier,  
safe, fulfilled lives**

# Who are we?



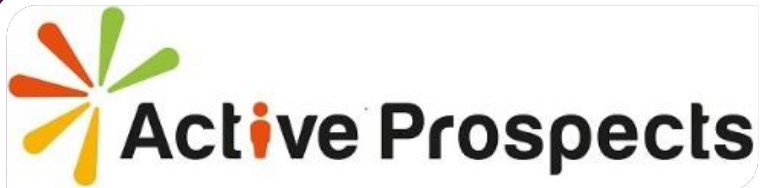
## Introducing

- Leanne Yeo – Chair Person
- Michael McLachlan – Co Chair
- Matthew Leadbeater – member
- Helen Guest - Secretary on the Board

# Who we are



- The Pro Active Community has been a charity in its own right, since 2020
- We are a group led by adults with experience of living with disability
- We are currently supported by Active Prospects, another care charity based in Surrey.
- They help us with campaigns, managing our meetings and to fund raise



# What we do



- We meet in person twice a month
- We lead on co-production projects
- We have led on regional and national health or awareness projects
- We are Experts with Experience and would like to grow our membership across other providers

# What we do



- We invite guests to talk to us about topics we choose
- We work on national Health and wellbeing research projects
- We co-design, develop and deliver awareness training courses – sexual health and healthy relationships
- We share our success with other support providers

# What we do



- Quality checking will continue for care and support providers
- It is important people are supported to live in an environment they choose
- A good local community, a safe location, a home they feel happy and comfortable in

# What we did in 2023



- We highlighted the health inequalities people with Learning Disability face and difficulty seeing our GPs.
- Members made 2 awareness training videos for Surrey Heartlands clinical and medical staff
- We helped Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Trust (SASH) co-design their Easy Read Strategy survey



# What we did in 2023



- Members joined the Surrey Coalition AGM to talk to their members about co-production opportunities
- We are working with Books Beyond Words to trial a new publication – ‘Home Safety’
- Some members joined Active Prospects to walk the 100km South Coast Challenge – exciting, rewarding and exhausting!
- Members had an amazing day in Brighton – Sealife, lunch and the i360 thanks to a grant from Barchester Healthcare Trust



# What is new?



## Disability Taxi Charter



**By signing the Disability Taxi Charter, you commit to:**

<p><b>Promptness</b> Ensure timings are kept to or regular updates if delayed</p>  <p><b>Offer Assistance</b> Help getting into and out of the car/vehicle if requested</p>  <p><b>Patience</b> Patience if a person takes a little longer to get on board</p>  <p><b>Being Reliable</b> To not cancel last minute</p> 	<p><b>Being Honest</b> To guarantee you will arrive</p>  <p><b>Being Prepared</b> To ensure adequate protective seat coverage</p>  <p><b>Agree a Fare</b> To agree a fare in advance of the journey</p>  <p><b>Being Thoughtful</b> To ensure the passenger is left in a safe place with a pavement or area of safety to walk</p> 
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Signed on behalf of..... Taxi Company

Signature: ..... Date: .....

- We have co-designed and produced a Disability Taxi Charter
- Peers across the Learning Disability England London Conference and from other areas of Surrey have joined this campaign for safer taxi transport and a raised awareness for hidden disability

# What we plan for 2024.



Continue removing the inequalities adults with disability face. Health, employment and opportunity

- We are working closely with partners to create video and easy read materials for learning disability with the following topics

- Cost of living
- Health and wellbeing
- Men's mental health
- How to make films professionally!

- We are hosting events such as Ready Steady Cook and Podcasts – PACpod with a grant from Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead (VARB)

# Best practice we want to share with you



- **Ask** – it's always best not to guess what people need or want
- **Involve** – if lived experience experts are there at the beginning of ideas or services being designed, these will more likely be fit for purpose and not need adapting.



That will save money, time and more importantly have better outcomes for those using them

- **Co-production** works, it is an equal share of power and an equal share of rights



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