

About the book

“New Paths to Inclusion” was a European Leonardo project funded within the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Union from October 2009 to September 2011.

It aims to foster inclusion of people with disabilities through a person centred approach. The training programme brings the latest developments in the UK to six European countries.

As well as describing the process this book shares the journey of the project through three important aspects of learning.

- 1 A synopsis from the learning in the UK and Northern America in the last twenty years and how these have evolved into the developments and practices used currently within the UK.
- 2 The first hand experiences of the participants who took part in the training programme, through their own stories of implementing person centred practices in their working environment, with their families and for themselves and how it has changed their lives. These experiences give valuable insight into the possibilities for people using services and consideration of how to address some of the issues in making positive changes in people's lives.
- 3 The evaluation of the project, which will be of significant value to participating countries and other countries throughout Europe and beyond, who wish to promote inclusion through person centred practice, support people in ways that make sense to them and enable people to plan imaginative futures and rich and varied lifestyles.

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