

**Preparing for
adulthood
Local offer live
10 October 2019
Feedback Report
October 2019**

**45
stalls!**

**190
visitors!**

On Thursday 10 October 2019 Kirklees Council held its Fourth Preparing for adulthood – local offer live event. The event was held at the Textile Centre of Excellence in Huddersfield.

The event took place from 11-3pm and had 45 stalls to show people what is currently available in Kirklees across the 4 themes of preparing for adulthood:

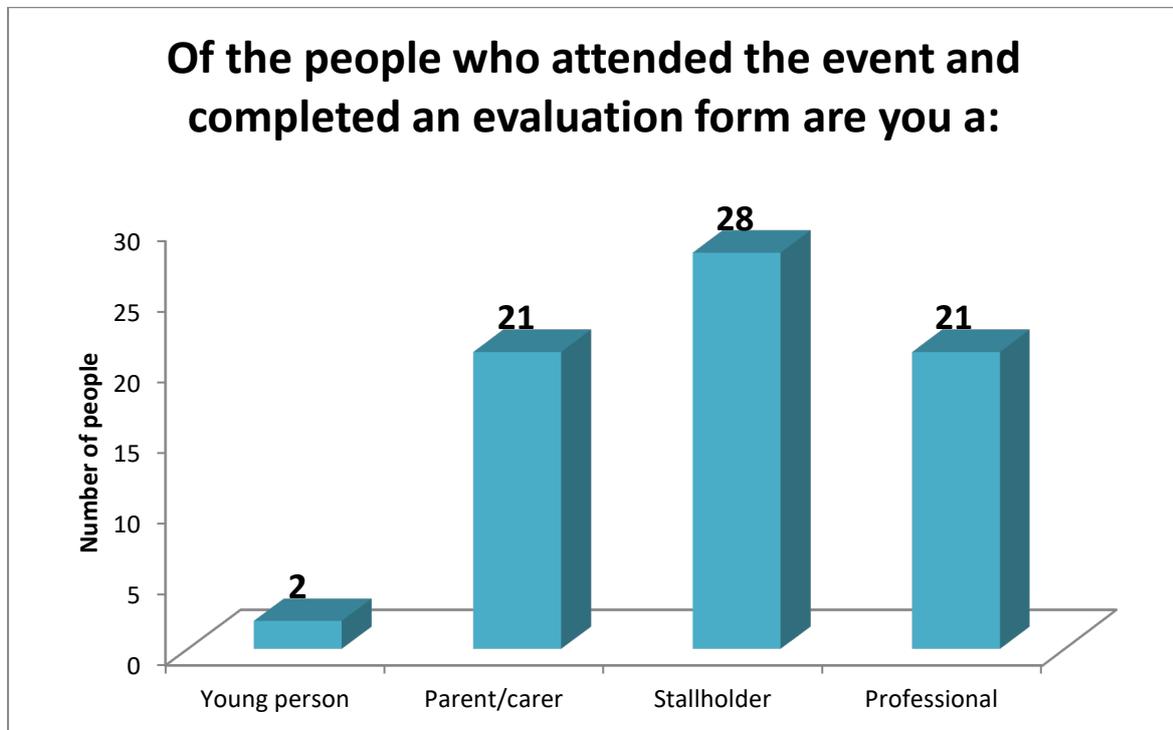
- Further education and employment
- Independent living – planning for a home of my own
- Participating in society – having a life
- Being as healthy as possible

51 organisations booked a stall on Eventbrite but 1 sent apologies before (Job Centre Plus) and 5 did not turn up (Dark Horse, HTAFC Foundation, Kirklees SENDACT, Mencap in Kirklees and Street Bikes).

190 people attended included young people aged 14-25 with a disability and/or special educational needs, their parents / carers as well as professionals.

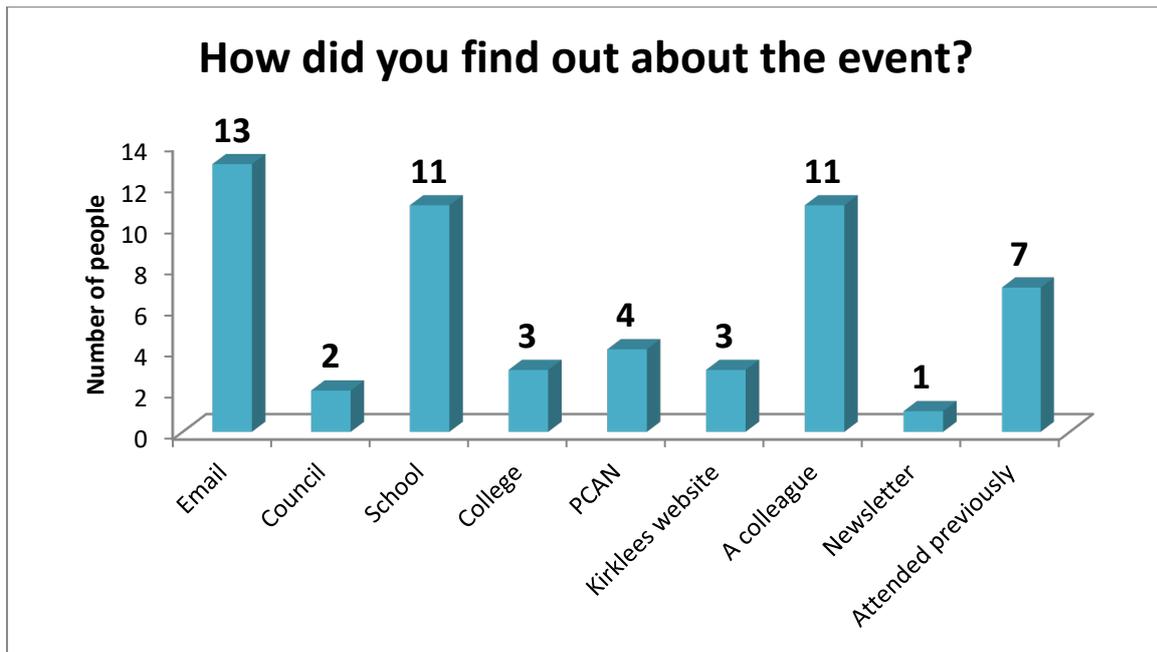
The aim of the event was to bring information on the Kirklees local offer website to life and help shape future services by working together.

Out of 190 people who attended, 72 people completed an evaluation form – but not everyone answered all questions.



Cllr Carole Pattison opened the event at 11am





Comments:

Really good information

Met our expectations

Great x 2

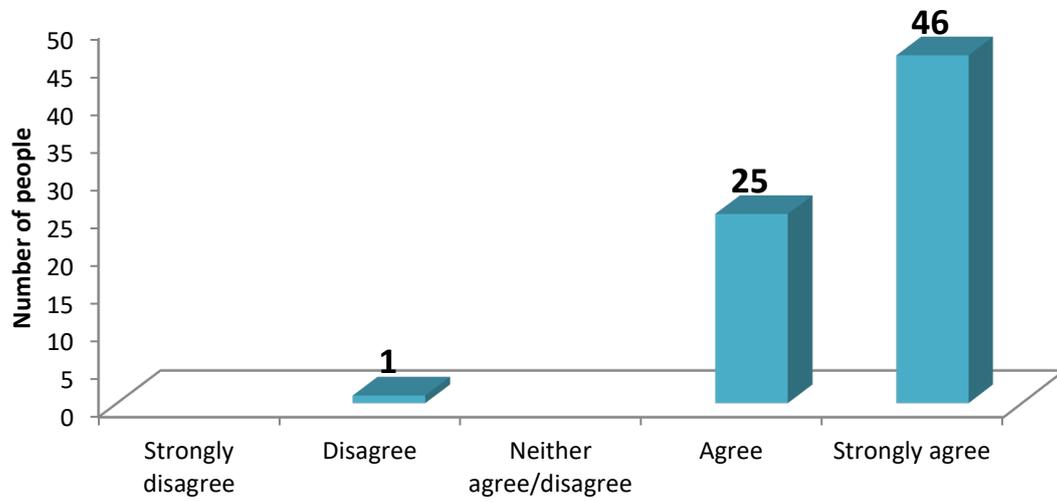
Very informative. The stands and people were excellent

Very interesting

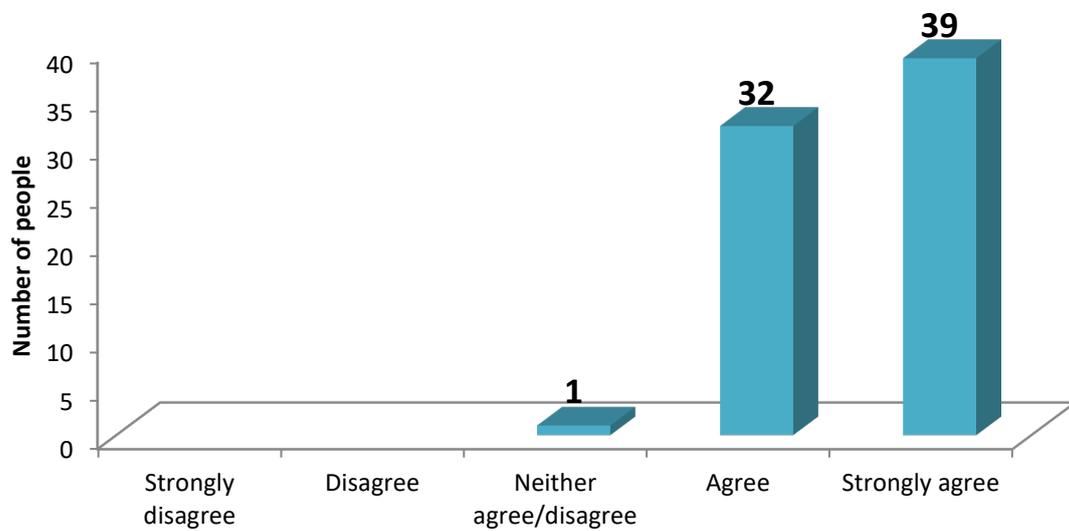
Very helpful, lots of info

Excellent

The Textile Centre of Excellence is a great venue



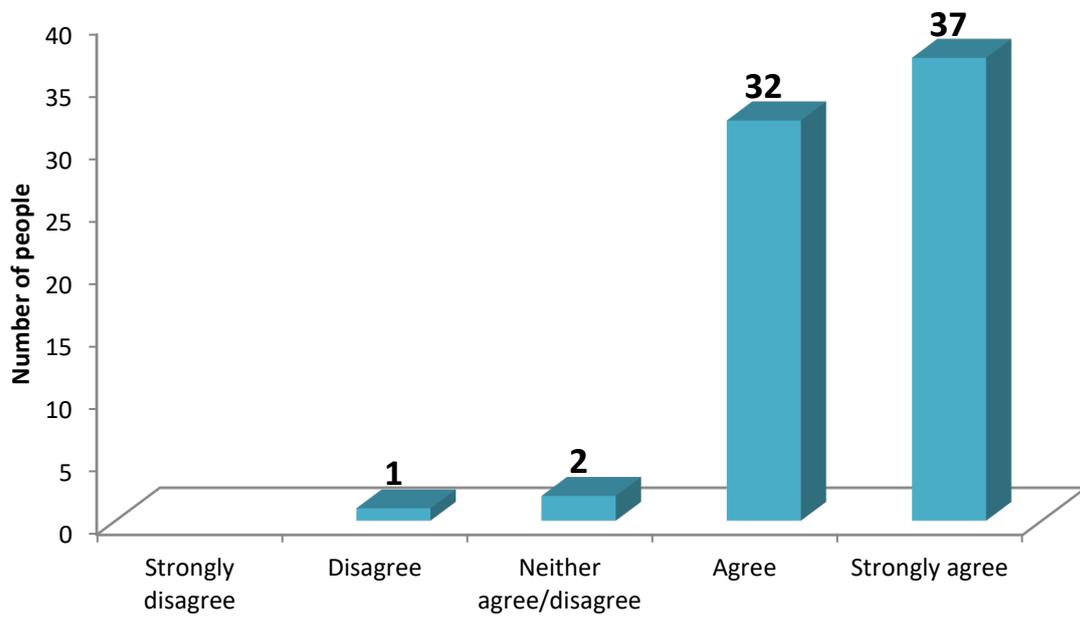
The date and time of the event were good for me



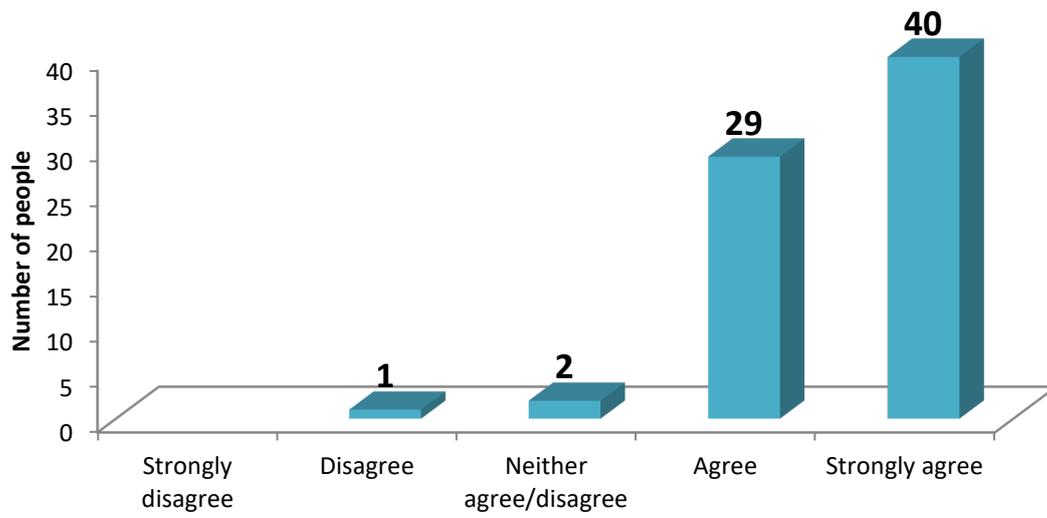
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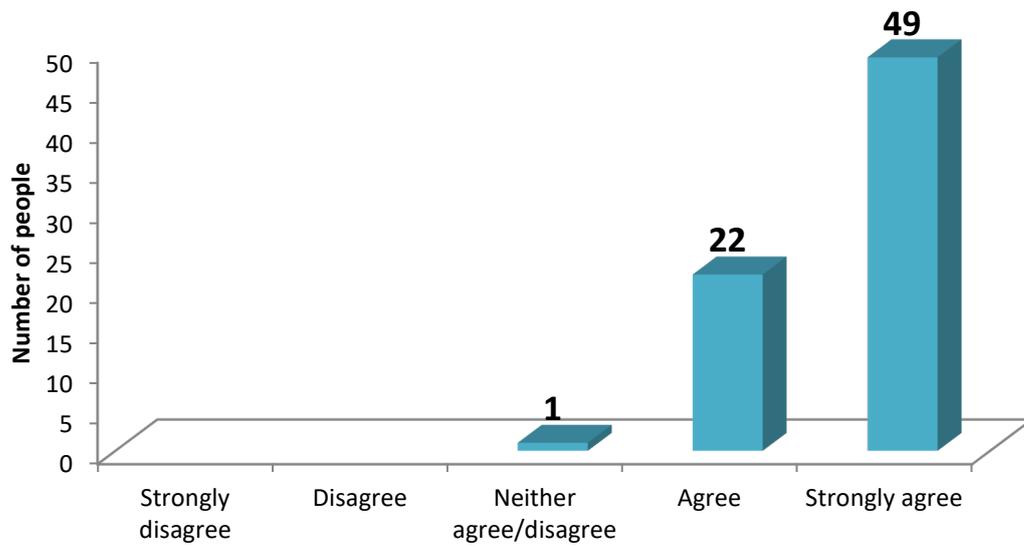
The quality of the stands was excellent



The range of information was really good



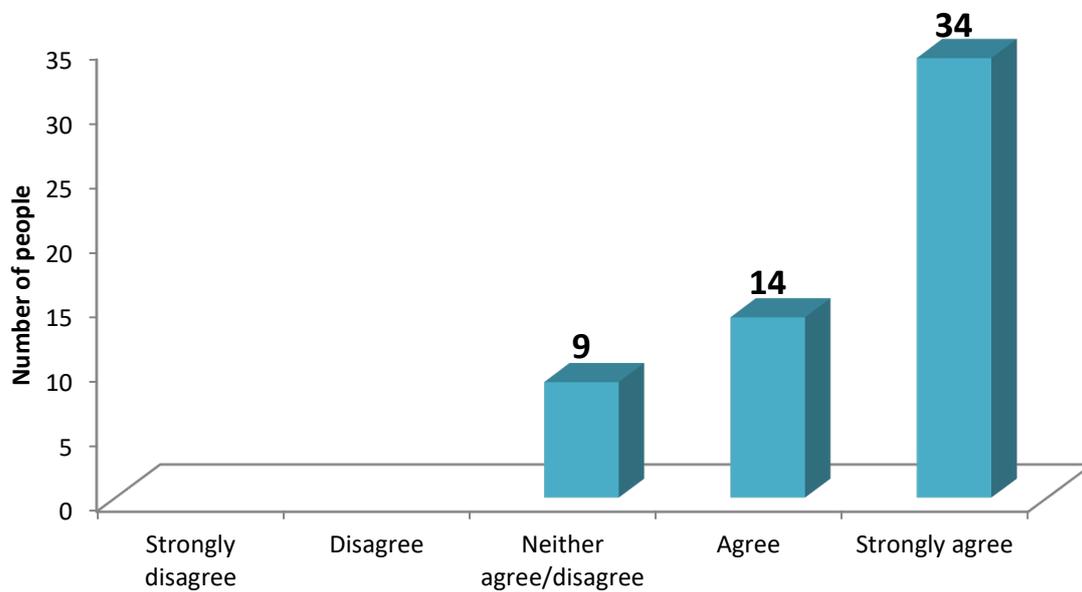
The event was well organised



Preparing for Adulthood
Local Offer Live 2019
Thursday 10 October
11am - 3pm
Book your place

 Kirklees
COUNCIL

This kind of event really helps to share information on my options to help me prepare for adult life



Comments:

Too cramped and too hot. Not enough room on stalls and to sit down for stallholders

My only comment would be it seems that similar events have run very recently possibly too close together

I am a stallholder lots of people have commented how useful the day was.

Lots of variety. Really well organised. Lots of people attended our stall

Lots of interest for our services. Great event for signposting. Lots of relevant, informative providers

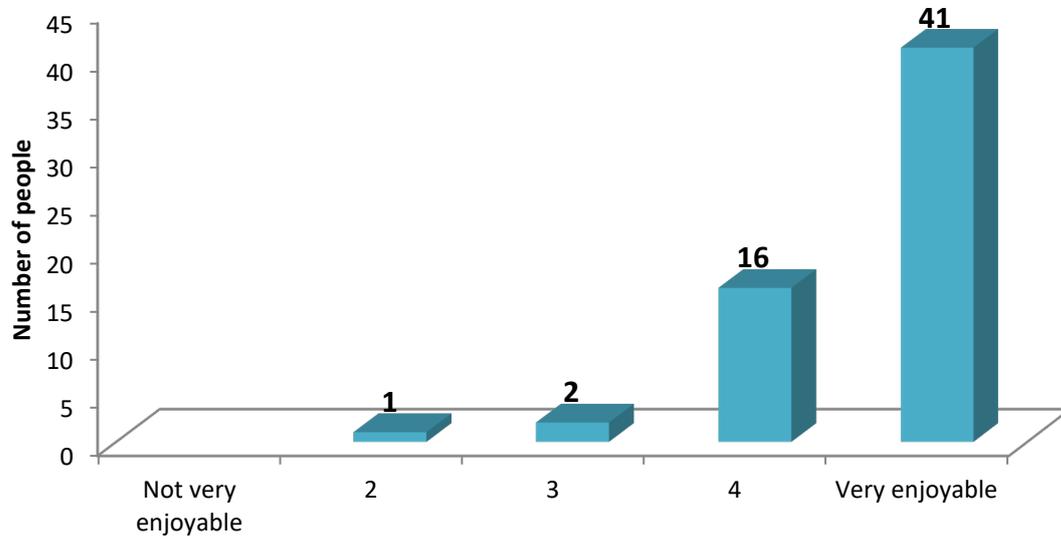
I didn't feel this was as well attended as the previous 2 years.

Good variety of services available

Really helpful as a professional supporting young people to know what services are available, thank you

No wheelchair access from pavement to centre. Timing good for us but maybe others would come in evening.

Overall did you enjoy the event?



Do you have any other comments to make about the event?

Great chance to meet other professionals and understand local architecture.

Very helpful for stallholders to be able to exchange information and understand other services on offer.

Good range of stalls and stallholders.

Seemed quieter than last year, less stallholders and families/pupils.

Varied stalls, colour coded – excellent easy to find.

Great idea to bring schools in on buses!

Very well organised and run.

No.

Thank you.

Less footfall than last year. More thought regarding placement of stallholders as some had lots of space but unlikely to need space for interactions.

Not enough space – too hot and unable to open windows.

The event has been very useful to identify new services for service users.

Would have been easier to access in town centre.

Very useful to connect all the services to people who use them.

Really useful not only for carers but professionals.

Really fantastic for young people.

Good for networking

Almost information overload but good

Was in good location / accessible

Really good and informative

Maybe a talk or discussion live

Excellent informative event

Well organised

It was helpful and interesting

What other stalls would you have liked to have seen at the event?

Adult CHC

More sensory

Job centre to discuss universal credit and employment support allowance – [unfortunately sent apologies the week of the event](#)

Job centre plus support for schools team – [left email address to be invited to next event](#)

Would have loved to see some stands or leaflets about inspiring stories, vloggers, and people with LD & PD who have done amazing things.

Travel training – [community enablement team](#)

Independent service users

Pity SENDACT weren't here

Information on schools outside of area, Kirklees.

Music

More careers companies

Was there anything that would have made it more interesting or informative?

A networking session for professionals. A cup of tea would have been much appreciated.

Share email contacts of all stallholders/organisations would be helpful networking opportunity.

Maybe a session for more professionals to attend.

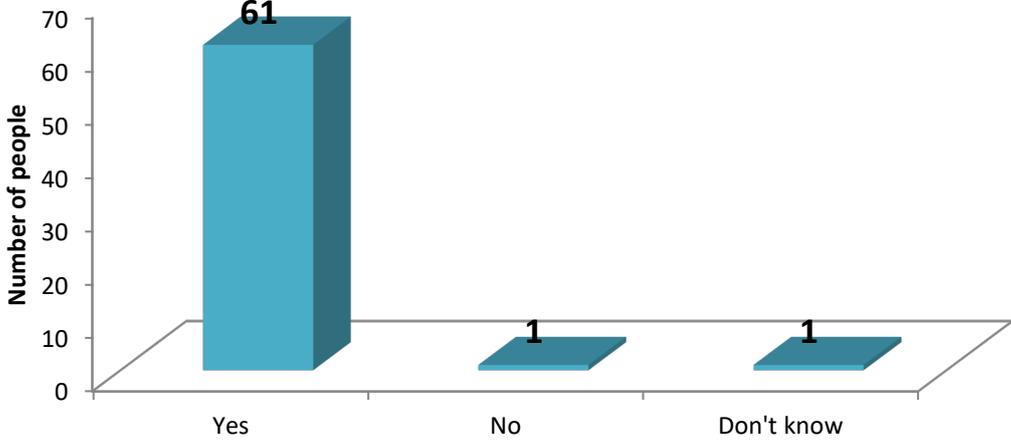
Really great well organised event. Great level of information.

I am the manager of the job centre plus support for schools team in West Yorkshire and we would like to attend next time – thanks!

I would like to have brought my daughter to the event, unfortunately she was at school.

More art like video showings, sports, entertainment

If we hold the event next year, would you come again?



Recommendations

Hold another event next year - From the feedback and attendance the event was a success. I would recommend another event is held next year to build on its success. We need to check if PCAN/Children's will be holding another event and make sure that there is enough time between the events

Agree funding for future events - The cost of the venue was funded by five special schools and Kirklees College. SEND funding paid for the banners to be put up and taken down and printing costs were covered internally by the council. Event organisation was undertaken by Adults Commissioning.

This year the numbers were slightly lower than last year: From comments received this may have been due to the event held by PCAN/Children's less than one month before. Also we are not aware that any of the mainstream schools with specialist provision attended.

Work with schools to promote and encourage attendance by parents and young people – This year the council provided schools with vinyl banners to hang in a prominent position, an image to put on their websites, social media messages and printed leaflets to send out parents. This year we noticed more parents meeting their young people from the school minibuses. Review the stalls, provide a tally sheet for stallholders to record how many people who ask about their service and ask the Communications Team to work with inhouse services to develop information products for their stalls at future events. This has a big impact on the stall and the number of people asking about the service.

Further work is still needed to improve promotion and attendance by professionals. This should be a mandatory fact finding event for any frontline worker who works with young people aged 14-25 and their families.

Ask the relevant Cabinet member to open the event - Cllr Carole Pattison opened the event and Cllr Viv Kendrick and Cllr Musarrat Khan also attended the event

Stallholders – we still had an issue with some stallholders not turning up and leaving early before the end of the event. Next year we will stress the importance to stallholders that if they book a stall they need to attend and also print Rules for stallholders which will be placed on each stall for everyone who covers the stall at any point throughout the event need to abide by.

<i>Organisation / web link</i>	<i>Description</i>
12. Active social care	Offer day and evening services for children, young people and adults, including home care, cleaning, and housekeeping, respite holidays, outings, agency workers, day care at their own activity bases and out of school clubs.
24. Ambitions 4 Kirklees	Build the skills for work and independent living of young people and adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.
21. Ability options	Provide fun and meaningful opportunities for members to learn new skills which will enable them to gain maximum independence. They welcome all adults and young people over the age of 18 with a mild to moderate learning disability and endeavour to meet their individual needs.
13. Autism Plus	Support adults and young people with autism, learning disabilities, mental health conditions and complex needs.
22. Brain in Hand	Brain in Hand is suitable for people with a range of neurological and mental health difficulties, it improves confidence, enables people to cope with anxiety and increases independence.
32. Birch Tree Centre	Birch Tree is a modern and dynamic learning centre with a warm, welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. Their aim is to provide a happy and safe environment where everyone who attends can develop to their full potential.
14. Building Abilities	Building Abilities offer a personalised day service to support adults with learning disabilities. They focus on developing a wide range of skills, improving health and well-being and encouraging their service users to become active members of the community.
37. C&K Careers	Offer specialist and targeted support for young people needing further help to access learning and work.
10. Camphill Wakefield	Camphill Wakefield is a specialist college for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Their study programmes, based upon the pathways for Adulthood gives the opportunity to develop the skills necessary for employment.

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51. CAMHS	Our aim is to improve the mental health of individuals accessing our service and we work closely with other Trust and community services to ensure the needs of the individual are best met. We work alongside other organisations, including children's social care, children's health and wellbeing services, schools, school nurses and other community-based organisations
7. Carers Count	Promote the wellbeing of carers so they can continue in their caring role and have a life of their own.
47. CHT & Mid Yorkshire Hospital	Provides support at the main hospitals of Calderdale Royal Hospital, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Pinderfields in Wakefield, Dewsbury and District Hospital and Pontefract as well as in community sites, health centres and in patients' homes.
50. Continuing care and health transitions	Good person centered planning will ensure the move from children to adult health services has been well planned and has taken place over a suitable period of time.
31. Connect Day Service	Connect Day Services is a fun and modern day centre for adults 16 years and over with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and sensory impairment. They also provide specialist autism support which creates opportunities for the individual to lead a healthy, active and independent life.
27. Dark Horse	Theatre company including learning disabled actors featuring in their productions and non-learning disabled actors from the broader industry - which premieres new work.
40. DWP – PIP & Kirklees Benefits Advice	You may be able to get help with some of the extra costs caused by long term ill-health or disability.
38. Employability solutions	A social enterprise working providing alternative education provision for young people aged 14 to 19.
15. HFT – Luv2meetu	HFT support people to make friends, share interests and develop relationships
46. HTAFC Foundation	Huddersfield Town Foundation provide activity sessions for people with disabilities.

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20. Holly Bank ELMS	Enrichment Learning and Multi-Sensory specialist day service provides an activity programme for anyone aged 19 years + with a disability to take part in a variety of engaging, fun and sensory sessions, from arts and crafts to music and sports there is something for everyone. They specialise in Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) and physical impairments.
39. Job Centre Plus & Access to Work	<p>Information on getting assistance and advice from a work coach at your local Jobcentre Plus on returning to the workplace if you have a health condition or disability that affects your ability to work.</p> <p>If the help you need at work is not covered by your employer making reasonable adjustments, you may be able to get help from Access to Work</p>
3. KIAS	Provide free, accurate and impartial, information, advice and support about matters relating to special educational needs and/or disability (SEND), including health and social care.
35. Kirklees College	Kirklees College is committed to supporting their students wherever possible regardless of background or situation. They offer a wide range of specialist support which is carefully allocated to ensure help is accessible to those who need it.
8. Kirklees Council – Additional Needs Register	The Kirklees Additional Needs Register is a list of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Kirklees. Registration is voluntary, however the information provided will help us to plan for services.
6. Kirklees Council – Adult Respite Services	Kirklees Council provides a wide and varied range of short break opportunities for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.
2. Kirklees Council – Assistive Technology	Information, help and advice about assistive technology such as bathing, cleaning, shopping, getting dressed, getting in and out of bed, getting up and down stairs, preparing meals and using the toilet.

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41. Kirklees Council – Client Financial Affairs	If young people aged 18 and over are eligible for adult social care they will need to have a financial assessment to decide if they need to pay for services such as home, residential or day care. Some people may not have enough money to pay for their care and may get support from the council but some people will need to pay towards the cost of their care and the financial assessment will say how much this will be.
23. Kirklees Council – Community Enablement Team	The Community Enablement Team is a team of skilled, experienced and qualified staff who support people with learning disabilities (including autism) to achieve their goals.
28. Kirklees Council – Community Plus	Community Plus help and support people and families who might be struggling, to lead a better life by connecting them with local resources, groups and individuals.
29. Kirklees Council – Day Services	Kirklees Council’s Day Services offer specialised support for people with complex and profound learning and physical disabilities which also gives their carer the opportunity to have a break.
9. Kirklees Council – Hate Crime	Nobody should have to live with the fear, anxiety and consequences of hate crime. Here in Kirklees, in partnership with West Yorkshire Police we provide support and guidance to victims.
11. Kirklees Council – SENDACT EHC Plans	Make special provision to meet the needs of children and young people with a disability or special educational need (between the ages of 0 to 25 years) to secure the best possible outcomes for them across education, health and social care and as they get older, prepare them for adulthood.
36. Kirklees Council – REAL employment	An agency working with people who have mild to moderate learning disability.
33. Kirklees Council – Shared lives scheme	Shared Lives carers provide day support, or short breaks or a long term arrangement to adults who have been assessed as needing this unique and flexible type of support.
5. Kirklees Council – Social workers	Good person centered planning will ensure the move from children to adult social care services has been well planned and has taken place over a suitable period of time.
26. Kirklees Council – Specialist Accommodation Team	A home of my own is a guide to accommodation options in Kirklees for people with a disability.

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48. Kirklees Learning Disability Team	Community health service for people with learning disabilities who need support to improve health and wellbeing. It includes psychiatry, psychology, specialist learning disability nursing, therapists and intensive support team.
16. Leonard Cheshire – can do	Provide sport and volunteering programmes for young disabled people.
49. Locala	Provide NHS community services to people in Kirklees including dental, sexual health services and supporting people through transition.
19. Mencap in Kirklees including Safe Places	Run residential homes, supported living flats and houses, a community support service, day opportunities services, leisure groups, evening clubs and employment training schemes.
4. PCAN	PCAN (Parents of Children with Additional Needs) are the independent, parent-led forum in Kirklees for all parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.
34. Street bikes	Street bikes run activities, bike lessons and bike rides for people with disabilities. You can also learn bike mechanics or volunteer. No bike needed – they have all types of bikes handcycles, tandems, trikes and wheelchair bikes. This stall will be outside weather permitting
42-43. Special schools post 16 provision	Like in mainstream sixth forms students will start special school sixth form in the September after they have finished year 11. Students can spend up to three extra years in school. The sixth form may include students who attended the school in the past, as well as students who were at other schools.
1. Smart Box	Smart Box create assistive technology solutions that help people with disabilities to communicate and be independent.

Organisation / web link	Description
25. Step up	Rise work with people with Learning Disabilities and is based in Ravensthorpe in Dewsbury. They deliver a wide range of activities and have excellent resource including access to 3 computer suites, 2 kitchens, a large outdoor area and a range of other resources. Our support staff are highly trained and experienced.
17-18 Community Mental Health Services	Are a commissioned, community adult mental health service providers from the voluntary sector, who are working together to provide a better mental health service in Kirklees.
30. Waves	Offer young people and adults with learning difficulties and disabilities an exciting mix of entrepreneurial, social and life skill based experiences in a safe and supportive environment.
45. Wheelchair Services	Ross Care are a provider of wheelchair services and mobility equipment on behalf of the NHS and Local Authorities, one of which being Kirklees Council.

What the colours mean:

Colour	Theme
	Further education and employment
	Being independent and having a life
	Being healthy
	Other support