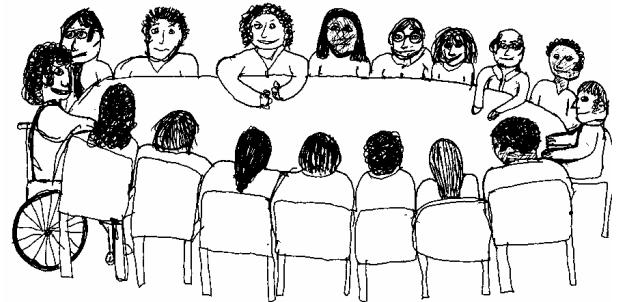


# Project about disabled people and their life chances - third meeting of the large advice-giving group

The large group that gives advice on the project met for the third time on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

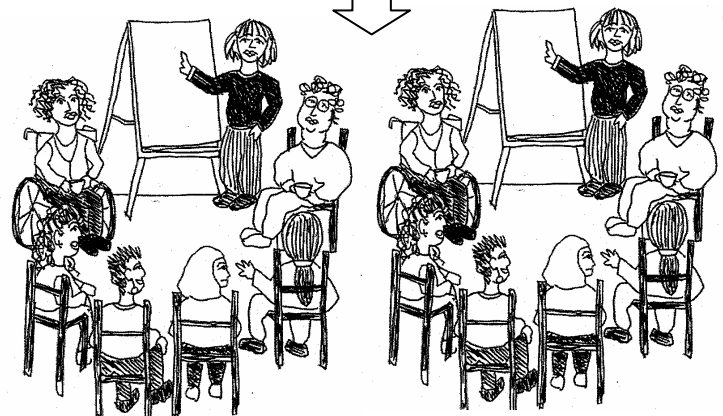
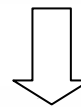
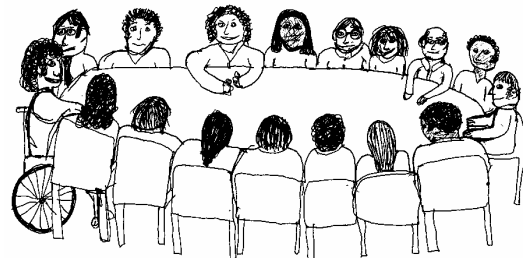


The following people came to the meeting:

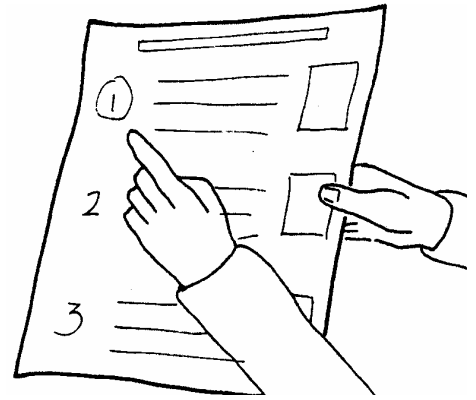
- **Maria Eagle**  
Government minister for disabled people
- **Stephen Ladyman**  
Government minister for social care
- **Phil Snell on behalf of Baroness Ashton**  
Department for Education and Skills/  
Department for Work and Pensions
- **Sheila Fletcher on behalf of Yvette Cooper**  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
- **Christine Lenehan**  
Council for Disabled Children
- **Bert Massie**  
Disability Rights Council

- **Sally Witcher**  
Disability Employment Advisory Committee
- **Norman Glass**  
National Centre for Social Research
- **Bruce Calderwood**  
Department for Work and Pensions
- **Nicholas Holgate**  
HM Treasury
- **Ruth Stanier on behalf of Claire Tyler**  
Social Exclusion Unit

The large advice- giving group was put into two small groups.

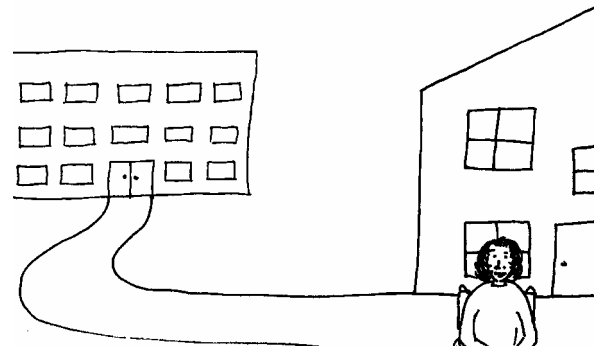


The two small groups talked about the project's goals and recommendations for what should happen in the future.

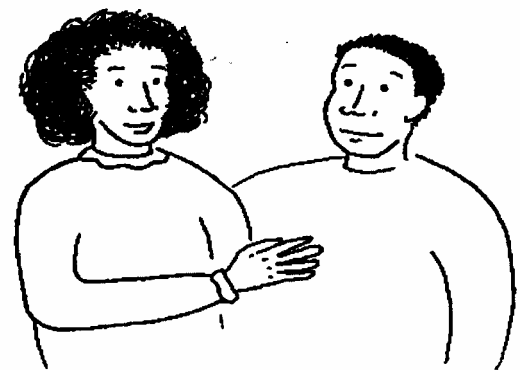


**These small groups said the following things:**

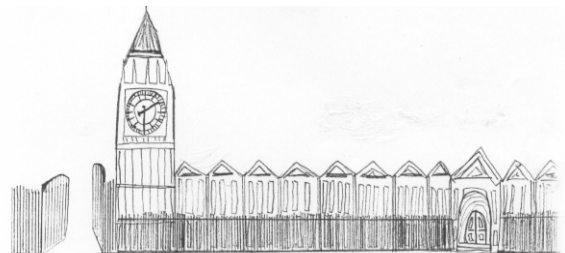
- They are happy that 'independent living' is included as a goal for the future. They also said it is important to explain clearly what 'independent living' means.



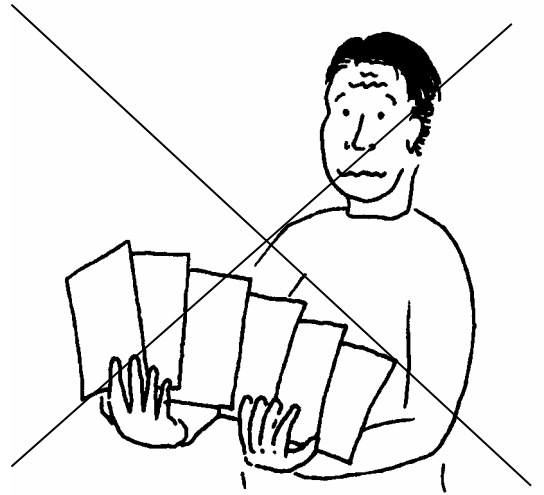
- It is important that disabled people's families and relationships are included.



- All different parts of Government must share the goals for the future. These goals must be for ALL disabled people.



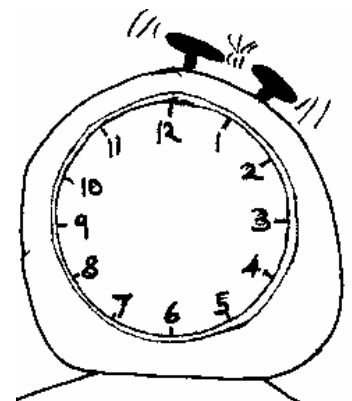
- There should not be lots of recommendations, but just a small number of the most important recommendations.



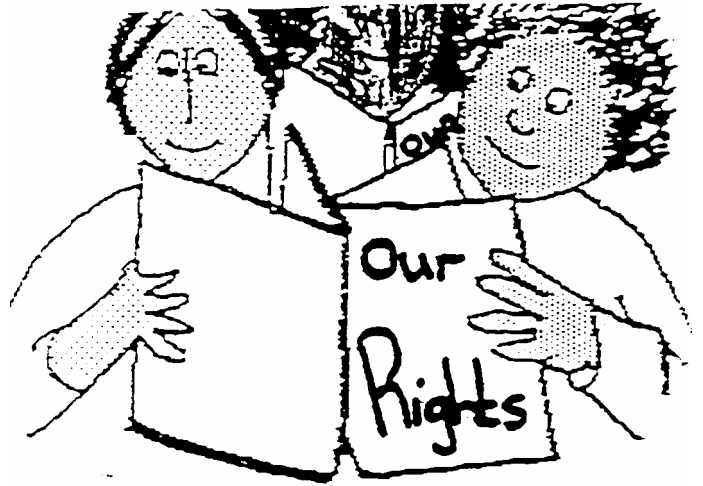
- The future goals should be big and bold.



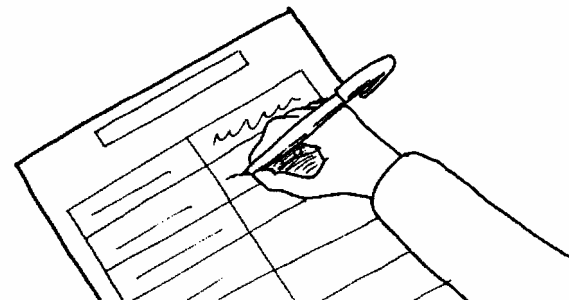
- The big goals should be achieved in 20 years time. There also need to be some small goals that are achieved sooner.



- The future goals must make sure that disabled people are at the centre of things. The approach should focus on people's rights.



- The group talked about whether or not the future goals of the project should include what things people are entitled to.



- The things that get in the way - like the way in which services find it difficult to work together - must be dealt with.



- One of the future goals should be about making sure people have the support and advice to help them make their own choices.



- It is important for the project to look at how services are sometimes better in one area than another.



### **At the end of the meeting**

both groups talked about how important it is that the goals are looked at carefully while they are being put into action. This means that people will know whether or not the project is being successful.



The next meeting of the large advice-giving group will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September



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