

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

The large group that gives advice on the project met for the second time on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2004.



The following people came to the meeting:

- **Maria Eagle**  
Government minister for disabled people
- **Phil Snell on behalf of Baroness Ashton**  
Department for Education and Skills/  
Department for Work and Pensions
- **Ian Berry on behalf of Stephen Ladyman**  
Department of Health
- **Jane Campbell**  
Social Care Institute for Excellence
- **Christine Lenehan**  
Council for Disabled Children
- **Bert Massie**  
Disability Rights Council

- **Mark Thompson**

Director-General-Designate, BBC

- **Sally Witcher**

Disability Employment Advisory Committee

- **Stephen Aldridge**

Strategy Unit

- **Bruce Calderwood**

Department for Work and Pensions

- **Gareth Davies**

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- **Ann Frye**

Department for Transport

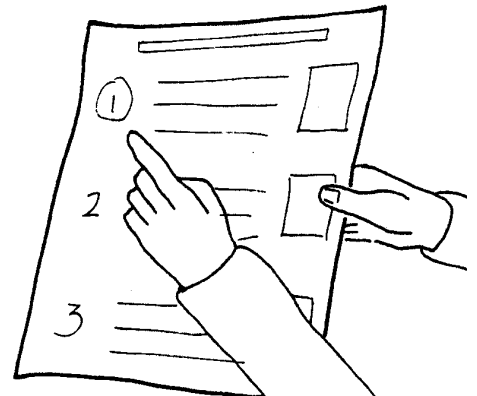
- **Nicholas Holgate**

HM Treasury

- **Ruth Stanier on behalf of Claire Tyler**

Social Exclusion Unit

The group talked about the work from the second part of the project. They talked about whether the work included the right issues.



The following things were said in the meeting:

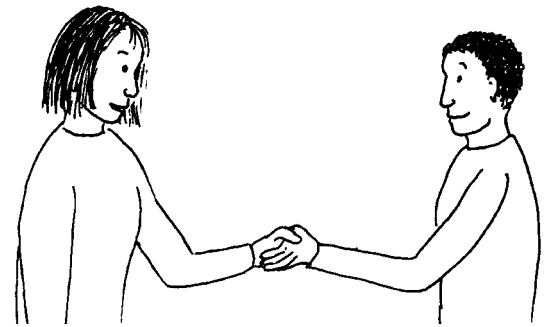
- People were happy because they thought the project covers the right issues.



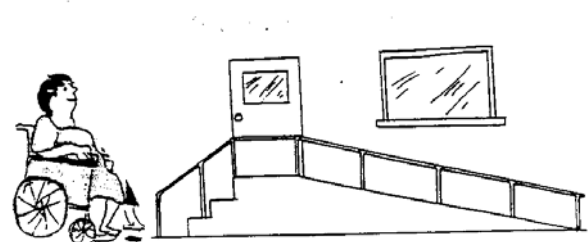
- The group agreed that the most important thing is that the project helps to make the lives of disabled people better.



- Several people said that an agreement between Government and disabled people would be helpful. This would mean that disabled people would know what to expect from Government. For example, disabled people would know what services they can use.

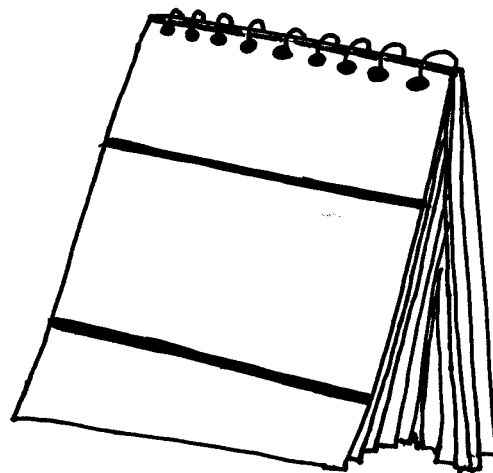


- The group agreed that the project should look at lots of

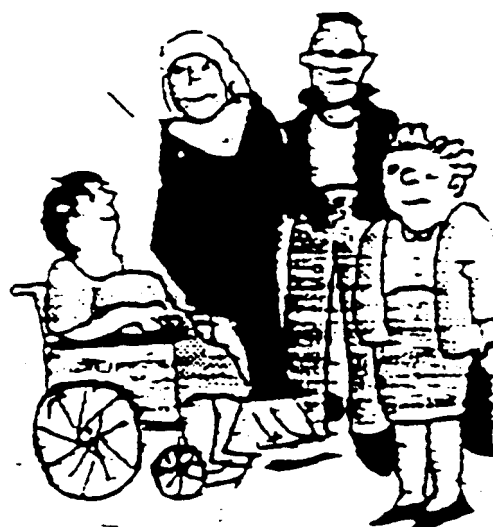


different barriers, not just a few barriers. These barriers stop disabled people from doing the things they want to do, like live in their own homes, work and travel around.

- Some people said that the project should improve how things are done in the future. Other people said the project should improve how things are done now.



- The project needs to remember that there are lots of different disabled people and they need different things.



The large advice-giving group will have another meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2004.



Pictures also from the Department of Health's Valuing People accessible clip art:

<http://www.publications.doh.gov.uk/learningdisabilities/access/>