

WELCOME



to our Launch Party!



Hello everyone, my name's Becky Gammon and I'm the Chairperson of Voice for All, the Brothers of Charity's Advocacy Group here in Lancashire.



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the very special launch of a very special easy read policy and guidelines booklet called **'Love, Sex and Relationships'**

It is for everybody who uses the Brothers of Charity Services in England.

It is also for our support staff, to help them in best supporting us with our friendships and relationships and in staying safe and keeping healthy.





For a long time, people with a learning disability and self advocates like myself, have wanted more help, support, advice and information about love, sex and relationships.

In 2015, we were fortunate enough to meet Sue Sharples and Stephen Haywood who very kindly offered to provide some joint training for both us and our support staff.

The course '**Y be Shy about Sex**' gave us lots of really good information and helped us learn a lot more about relationships, sex and sexuality, and staying safe.

It also helped us to put '**Friendships, Sex and Relationships**' at the top of our agenda and to work in closer partnership with the Brothers of Charity Services.

Last year, the '**Voice for All**' and '**Pleased to meet you**' advocacy groups were invited to write a new national Sex and Relationships Policy for the Brothers of Charity Services, England.

This staff policy is now available to everyone who works for the Brothers of Charity Services in England.

After lots of hard work, we are absolutely delighted that we now have an easy read policy and guidelines for **us**, the people who use the Brothers of Charity Services.

We hope this easy read policy will help lots of self advocates, support staff, family, friends, colleagues and partners to openly talk together, help each other, and learn more about '**Love, Sex and Relationships**'



THANK YOU!



We would like to thank lots of people who have helped us on our 'Relationships' journey so far...

We would like to thank;

- Sue Sharples and Stephen Haywood
- U-Night Group and Meet 'n' Match
- Amanda Topps and the Lancashire Friends and Relationships Group
- The 'Pleased to Meet You' advocacy group in Merseyside and the Brothers of Charity Services, England
- The 'Voice for All' Relationships Group and Committee members
- And a special thanks to John Whitehead who helped us write the BOC National Staff Policy and who produced our very own easy read booklet



We all need friendships and relationships in our lives, and there are many of us who want the opportunity to fall in love and have loving, meaningful relationships.



Today is Valentine's Day, and we hope that today marks the start of us all being able to openly and freely help and support each other with our friendships and relationships, and perhaps, in finding for ourselves, a chance for... **'Love, Sex and Relationships'**.

As Chairperson of Voice for All, and on behalf of everyone who uses the Brothers of Charity Services in England, it gives me great pleasure to officially launch the easy read policy and guidelines...

'Love, Sex and Relationships'



A few words from our Invited Guests



Sue Sharples

Y Training and Consultancy
Director U-Night Group and
Meet 'n' Match



Darron Grundy

Chief Executive Officer
Brothers of Charity Services
England

Let's Celebrate!







































