

Comments from previous training includes:

"Absolutely fab, 5 star service and info"

"I have looked at how our group offers inclusive activities with a 'fresh pair of eyes'"

In partnership with Mencap, The Scout Association are running two Get Together Training courses:

15th March 2008 – Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW

16th March 2008 – West Yorkshire Police Headquarters, Wakefield, WF1 3QP

On the day you will get 6 hours of training as well as resources to take away, a certificate and plaque on completion of the training. The course will start at 10am on both days, and finish by 4pm. You will need to bring your own lunch.

The Scout Association is funding this course so there is no charge.

If you are interested then please return the application form by **22nd February 2008**.

Thanks,

Laura Spafford

I would like to attend Mencap – The Scout Association Get Together Training on:

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Scout Appointment

Scout District..... **Region/County/Area**

Signed **Date**

Please return this form to: The Special Needs Office, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW by **22nd February 2008**.



Get Together

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Dear Volunteer,

Do you want to deliver inclusive Scouting? As a member of Scout Association staff and an Assistant Cub Scout Leader, I know I do.

In partnership with The Scout Association, Mencap runs Get Together Training. It is about enabling volunteers to develop knowledge, acquire good practice and examine attitudes to help young people with a learning disability access Scouting more easily.

The training covers the following modules:

- **Welcoming and first impressions** – As this is the first point of contact the young person will have with a Scout Group, it is important to get it right.
- **Communication** – For young people with a learning disability, this is crucially important.
- **Belonging** – Young people really need to feel as if they are a valued member of a Scout Group and they are not singled out for special treatment.
- **Activities** – This part examines some traditional activities and looks at adapting them so all young people can take part.
- **Attitudes** – It is not really enough to say that your Scout Group is inclusive. We all need to examine our attitudes and that of others.
- **Good Support** – It is important to point out that young people develop better if they are not over protected with one to one support.
- **Moving forward** – It is important and beneficial for people to go away with an action plan of the steps they will take to make their Scout Group more inclusive.

After completion of the Get Together course, the inclusion process becomes more workable. The aim is to make participants more aware of the things they need to do to make inclusion happen. All participants who attend the Get Together training receive a certificate on completion of their task sheets that are done throughout the day. Scout Leaders who attend are awarded a plaque, which they can display on the wall of their meeting place to show that they are working towards inclusion.

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