

**Tuesday 15th March 1.30pm**

**Session 2: 'Living our best lives'**

**Speakers for this session include:**



Annie Fergusson,  
PMLD Link



Becky Loney,  
PMLD Link



Members of C4C

### **'Removing the Invisibility Cloak': High Expectations and Good Support**

When people with profound and multiple learning disabilities are genuinely visible and included, they can live great lives. If they truly belong in communities and get the right support, they bring unique and valuable talents and contributions.

Speakers will share inspiring stories and a sensory story – Removing the Invisibility Cloak - that ask how we can all make sure people with profound and multiple learning disabilities are 'visible', really valued and included.

Speakers:

Annie Ferguson, Becky Loney and Michael Fullerton, PMLD Link  
Campaign4Change members

[PMLD LINK](#) was established to make a difference to the lives of children and adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).

[Campaign4Change \(C4C\)](#) is a self-advocacy group for people with learning disabilities and/or autism where members campaign and raise awareness of different issues and initiatives both internally and nationally.



Michael Fullerton,  
PMLD Link



Claire Cookson



Harry Georgiou



Bryony Dolby



Bernie Keenan

## Uncovering a Hidden Talent Pool

Speakers will talk about how the DFN Project SEARCH model works and how it creates change through a long-term ecosystem of support for interns and their families.

Speakers:

Claire Cookson, Harry Georgiou, Bryony Dolby, Bernie Keenan from Project Search.

[DFN Project SEARCH](#) is an ambitious Transition to Employment programme for learners with a learning disability and / or autistic people.

The project partners with hundreds of national and international companies, supported employment providers, education providers and local government bodies across the UK.

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## **'Believing in the talent and potential of people with Learning Disabilities'**

This session is about how members of Under the Stars use the arts to empower people with learning disabilities and give people the chance to shine and live creative, rich and meaningful lives.

Speakers will also talk about their nightclubs and events and how these are opportunities for people with learning disabilities to socialise, party, snog, dance, and see their old friends and meet new ones.

Speakers:

Kathryn Shore, Micheal Hambrey, Alex Deadman, Ruth Parrott

[Under the Stars](#) is an arts and events charity for people with learning disabilities. The charity uses the power of creativity and the performing arts to enhance the lives of people with learning disabilities and / or autistic people.

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