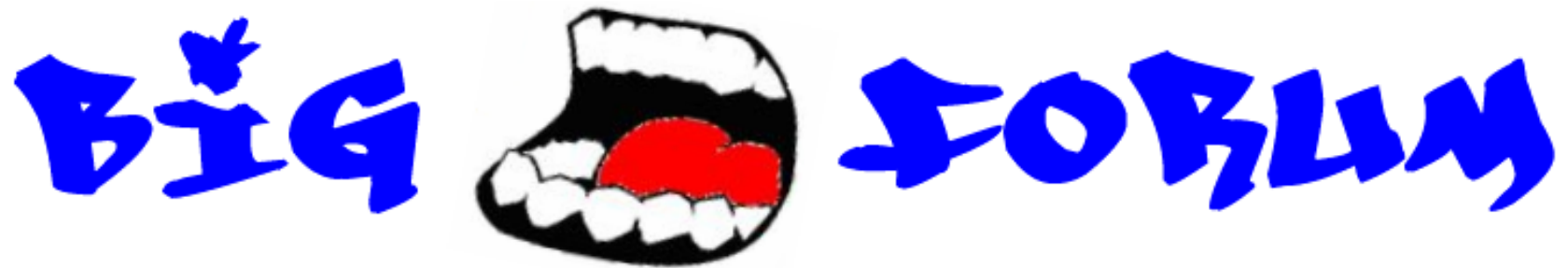


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Appendix 14 – Presentation to LA, Leicester City Big
Mouth Forum



GO DISABLED GO

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Where did it all begin

- The forum was established on the 11th of December 2008
- The original name was disabled children and young people forum
- The name was changed to Big mouth forum on the 17th of September 2009
- We meet once every third Thursday of the month
- We initially started with 7 forum members and now we have 50 forum members



Why did it start?

- ❖ We wanted a voice for disabled children and young people
- ❖ We wanted a say in the services we need and use
- ❖ We wanted to be treated fairly by everybody
- ❖ We wanted more activities
- ❖ We wanted to make new friends
- ❖ We wanted to share our life experiences



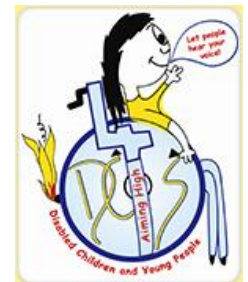
Who we are now...

- The BIG MOUTH FORUM is now the umbrella of many different groups.
- BMF sessions 13 – 25
- LMF session
- Communication Group
- Peer Advocacy Group



Who is the big mouth forum for?

- For all Disabled children and young people in Leicester
- This means we have to deliver many sessions to suit the needs of young people.
 - Some are meeting style
 - Some are playing sessions
 - They take place in different venues
 - We use different ways to talk to them i.e pictures and sign language



Big Mouth Forum rules

- The big mouth forum decided to set our own ground rules to make sure all the forum members can get involved and understand.
- Our ground rules are:-
 - No swearing
 - Gadgets on silent
 - Listen to others
 - Make sure everyone is involved
 - Have fun along the way



Achievements

- Short Break Development
- We made 2 videos)
- We now Interview all staff
- We supported many events including a cbebbies event
- We have made our own website



Youth Clubs

- We have recently audited a youth club in the St Mathews area of Leicester and they are now working with Disabled Children Services to make some adaptations to start a new session at the club for disabled young people 13 - 25



BMF Films

- We have planned, filmed and produced 2 Big Mouth Forum Films and we had an premiere of the films. The films are: -
- Shut Your Mouth all about bullying
- Open Your Mouth all about achievements and advocacy



Cbeebies Event



Any Questions!

