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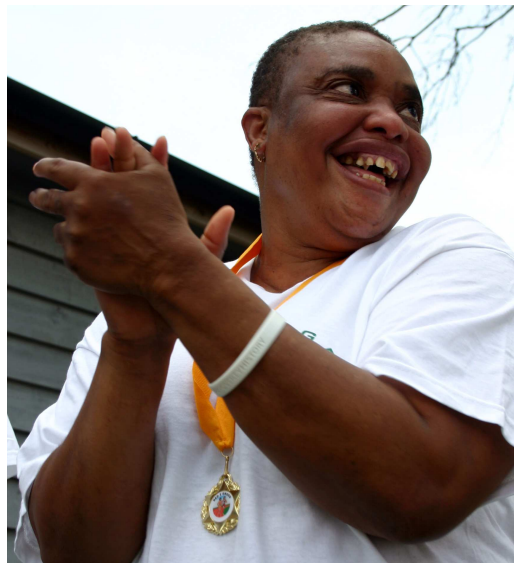
Opportunities Trust News

Welcome to the Opportunities Trust

The self-directed support agenda is moving rapidly from planning to reality, and brings with it both challenges and exciting opportunities.

The Opportunities Trust is creating a network to help providers work together to develop services which meet the changing needs of this market, as the introduction of Personal Budgets gives clients greater choice and control in their lives.

The Trust aims to facilitate this partnership working, while supporting



Working together to develop a rich menu of activities and support

members to maintain their independence.

Through marketing initiatives, training and quality standards, services across the county will be confident in continuing to support clients achieve their full potential.

Opportunities Trust member benefits include:

- support for service providers to meet the needs of a changing market
- marketing opportunities via the web-site and directory
- bi-monthly newsletter
- knowledge sharing
- support with evidencing quality
- focused training events

Visit www.opportunities-trust.org.uk for more info.

You are warmly invited to our launch event

Come along to our launch event on 10th November at Cambridge United football ground and hear from prominent speakers about how personalisation will impact upon service provision in Cambridgeshire.

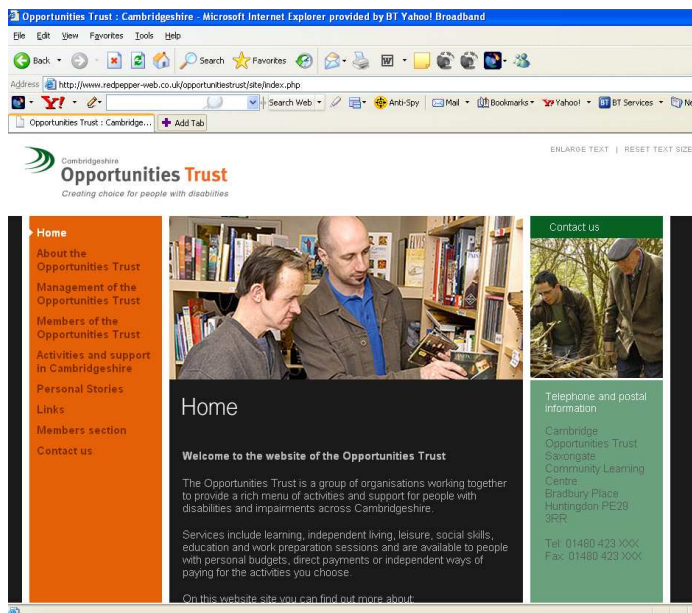
See overleaf for more details. We hope to see you there.

Check out our website

We'd love you to check out our website, where you can find out more about the Opportunities Trust, its origins, objectives and management.

The website has two main purposes; the first being to promote the rich variety of support that already exists for people with disabilities in Cambridgeshire. As the Opportunities Trust membership grows, the online directory of services will expand into a diverse menu of activities from which clients can choose to spend their personalised budget, should they wish.

The website is also evolving to be a key information resource for member organisations that want to keep on top of the changes in the personalisation agenda, how it might impact upon their services, and how they might work



Please do visit our fledgling website at www.opportunitiestrust.org.uk

together to bridge any gaps and satisfy unmet need. It is also an important window through which to advertise themselves to attract those clients who are searching for exciting ways to spend their days.

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How to get involved..

The Opportunities Trust will be launching on 10th November, starting at 10.00am with a short conference on the theme of personalisation, with some key speakers in this arena, followed by a lunchtime launch and refreshments.

The event will be held at the Harris Suite, Cambridge United, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, from 10.00am until 13.00.

Come along and find out what's been going on and how you can be involved in shaping the future of the Opportunities Trust.

To book your place, please contact our Development Officer, Christine Fraser.