



## Partnership Board Meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015



### Self-advocates Feedback Transport Workshop

**What works best to make young disabled people feel good and more confident to travel independently?**

The self advocates talked about

You need the right type of support. You need information like time tables and route plans to be in easy read, using clear pictures and signs.



You need a good route plan, with clear pictures

- of the number of the bus you need to get on.
- of the bus stop that you need to get on and off.
- of the route, so that you know you are going the right way.

Everyone said you need to feel safe when traveling independently.

- It can very difficult if you need to get off the bus on a busy road or if there is an underpass that you need to use. You might not feel safe.
- You may feel confident to make a journey in the day time but not at night.



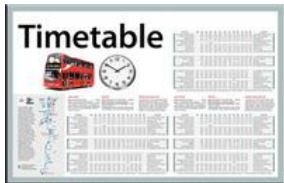
It used to be helpful when there used to be bus conductors on the buses. They could help you.

Skylink buses have a system which tells you the bus stop that you are at and tells where the next stop is. Everyone thought that all buses should have this. It is really helpful and made people feel more confident about traveling.





Some bus stops have a display which tells you the bus number and when it's coming. This is a good idea if you are good at reading. Everyone agreed that it would be really helpful if the bus stops could speak this out too.



Timetables need to be in bigger print and easier to understand using pictures.



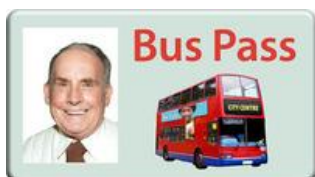
The group agreed that travel training was a very important skill to learn. We talked about traveling independently on day trips and holidays on ferries, trains and planes.



The group talked about how to find out information about making a journey. This included going to a booking office, using the internet on the computer, finding out timetables. Everyone said that this could be difficult and sometimes you may need a bit of help to do this.



[www.choosehowyoumove.org.uk](http://www.choosehowyoumove.org.uk) has lots of useful information about how to travel about. You may need help to use the website.



A big difficulty for lots of people was not able to use your bus pass before 9.30am. Lots of people need to get to college, day services and voluntary work before this time in the morning. They agreed that they didn't think this was fair. Some people in the group thought that your carer should be able to travel free with you.