Reach Learning Disability
Our Co-production Journey

Better Safeguarding through co-production



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Welcome and meet the facilitators

- Anna – Voice and Participation mentor
- Jamie – Voice and Participation mentor
- Isobel – Voice and Participation mentor
- Emma – Voice and Participation mentor
- Kay Greenwell – Voice and Participation Project Lead
- Tracey Thurlow – Projects and Participation Manager
- Dani Noquet – Client Services Director, Reach Learning Disability

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Workshop Aim:

- Understand Reach's journey towards co-production
- Learn more about our projects
- Take part in an activity about safeguarding and co-production
- Explore how lived experience and shared decision-making can strengthen safeguarding
- Hear from members of the Voice and Participation group

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What does co-production mean?



Co-production is not just a word, it's not just a concept, it is a meeting of minds coming together to find a shared solution, it involves people who use services being consulted, included and working together from the start to the end of any project that affects them.

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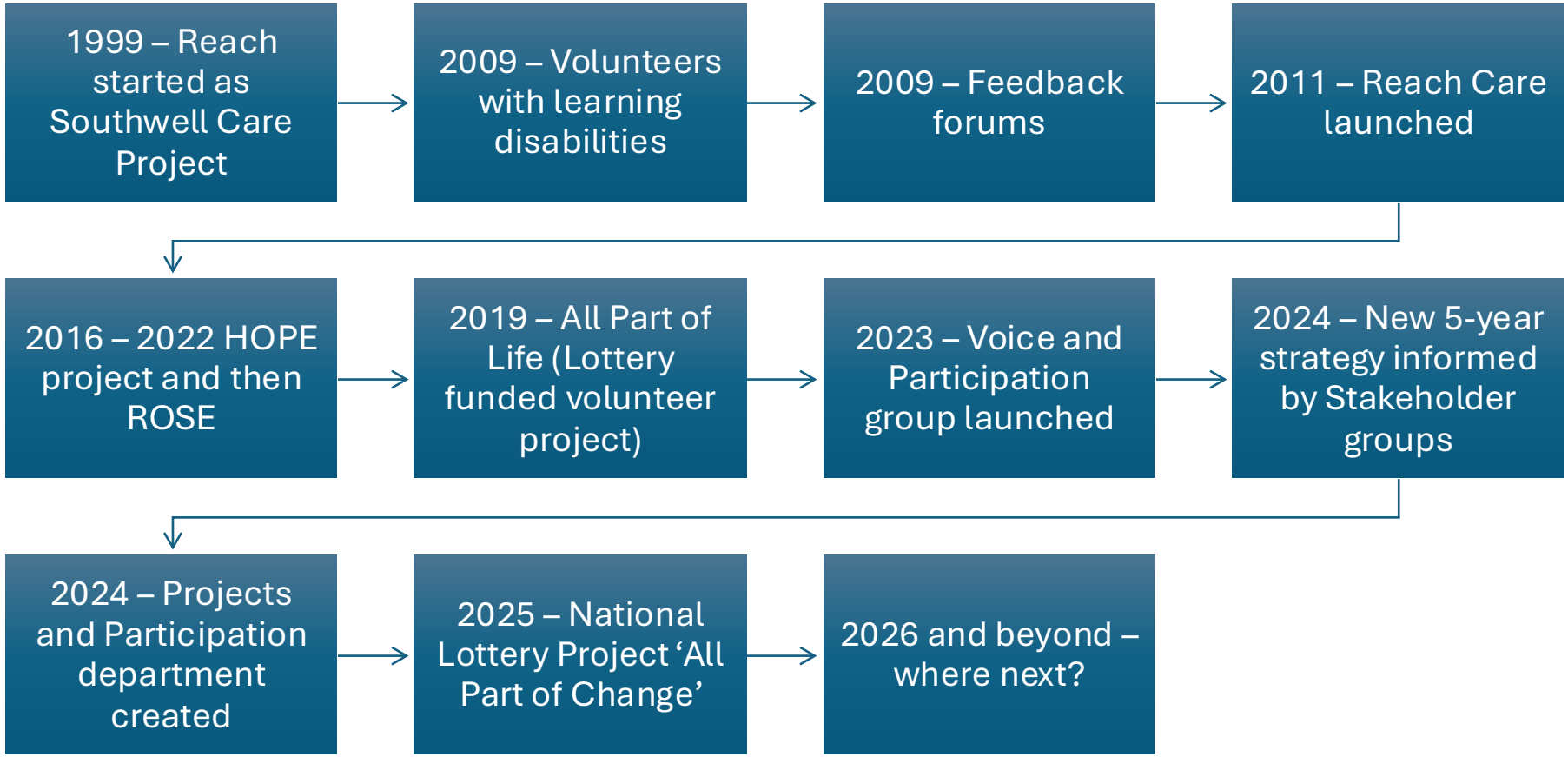
What does co-production mean from the Voice and Participation mentors?



Reach - our co-production timeline



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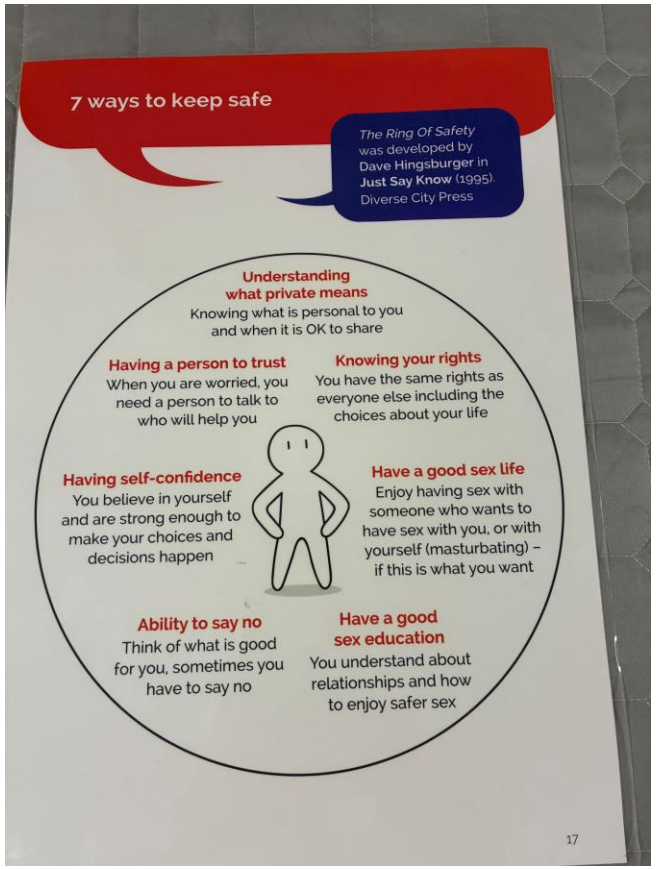
Reach Voice and Participation group– who we are and what we do.

- We are a group of adults with lived experience of learning disabilities who represent Reach and other services in our wider community.
- We meet regularly to create a safe and welcoming space where we use our voices to promote inclusion. By sharing and learning from each other's experiences, we work together to influence positive change.
- We collaborate with partners like the NHS, local authorities, and universities to share best practice, improve access to services, and champion co-production.
- We believe everyone has the right to be heard, to make their own choices, and to feel connected.



We're here to make a difference - and we think that's pretty awesome!



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HOPE and ROSE projects

Safe Space Health Cafes

- 18-month project funded by NIHR with University of Nottingham
- Isobel and Laila were co-applicants and co-designed and co-led the project
- Safe Space Health Cafes – various health topics identified as important to people with learning disabilities.
- Across all Reach Centres

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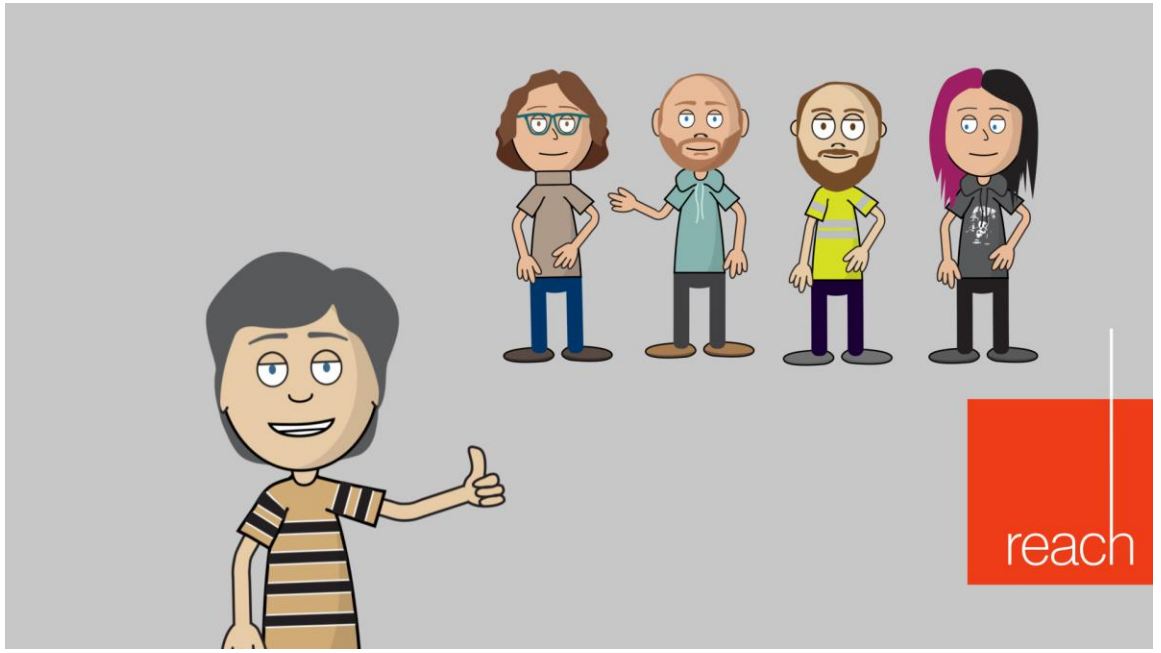

Safer Citizens

- Co-produced project
- Led and designed by the Voice and Participation group
- Safeguarding and volunteering
- Short animated film
- Training resource for volunteers, staff and others
- Additional resources on our website

All Part of Change

- 5-year Lottery funded project
- Volunteering and voice
- Training
- Person-centred planning
- More opportunities for volunteers with learning disabilities
- Create more volunteering opportunities for local people
- Partnerships



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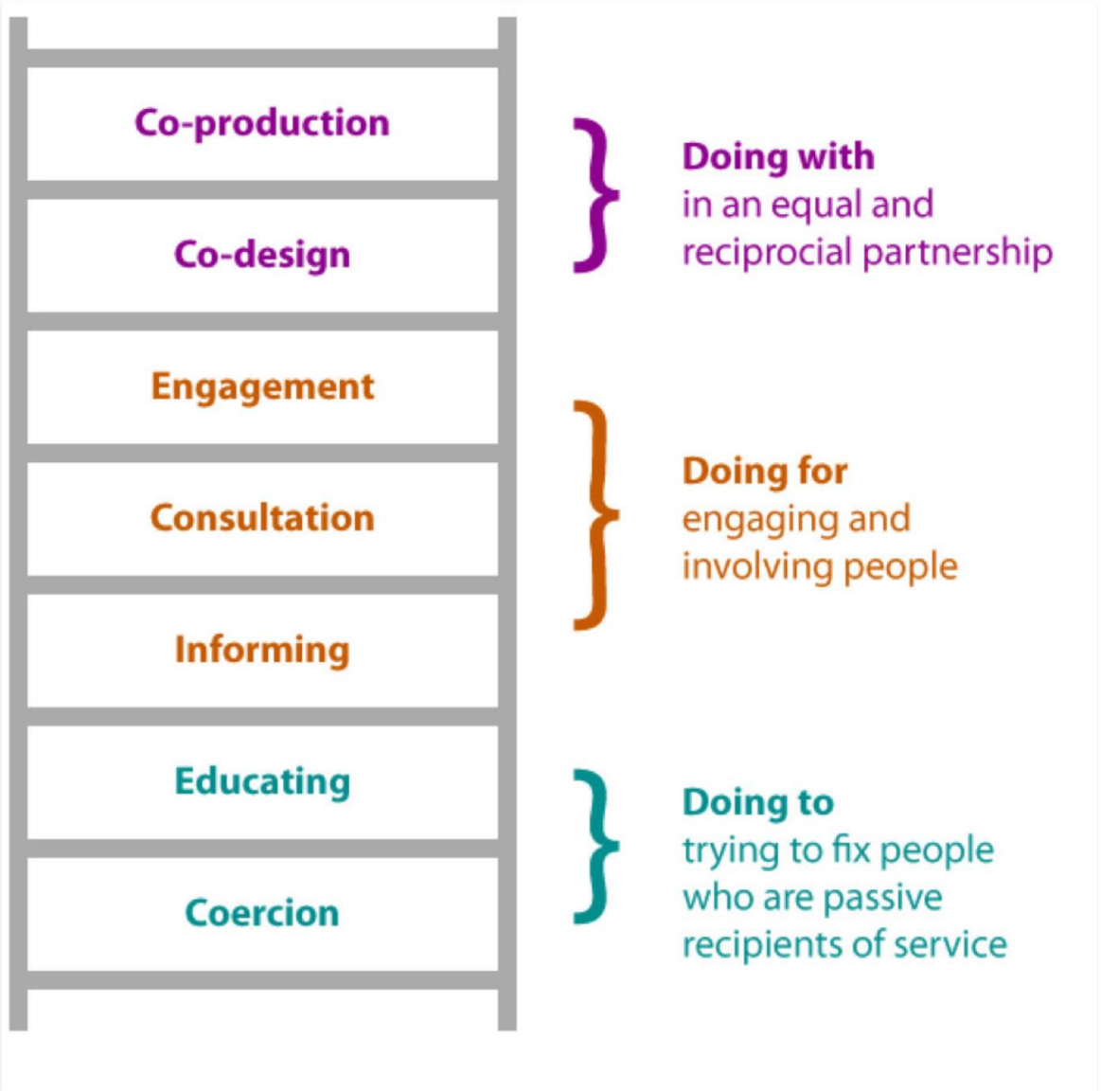
The ladder of Co-production



Activity

Julie, a person with a learning disability, says she wants to volunteer in a charity shop in the next town, but she hasn't travelled independently before.

Staff are worried and think the safest option is to stop her going.



Scenario – Julie

1. What would a restrictive or service-led response look like? ‘***Doing to***’

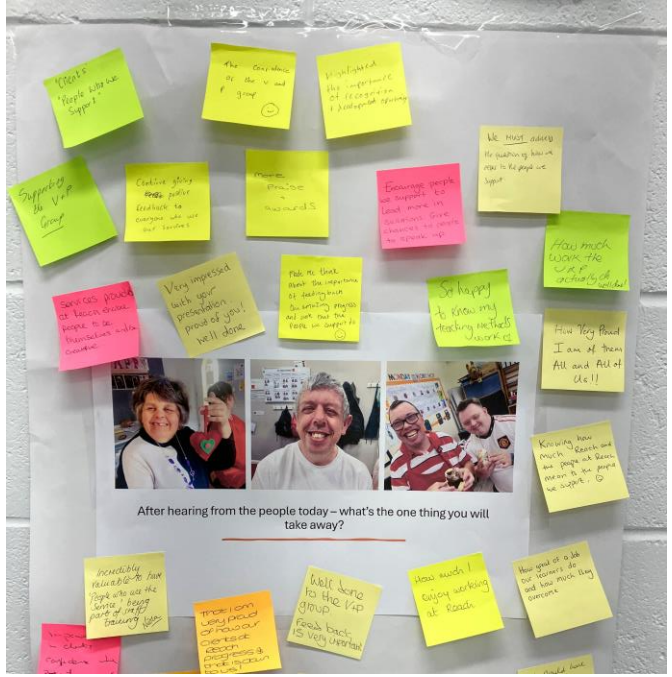
2. What would a well-meaning but professional-led response look like? ‘***Doing for***’

3. What would a co-produced safeguarding response look like? ‘***Doing with***’



Reach Learning Disability –what's changed?

- Co-production is part of Reach's direction
- V&P influences own services and externally
- V&P involved in recruitment, training and induction
- Partnership working- building strong connections
- All projects are shaped by people with lived experience
- Peer led sessions within day centre







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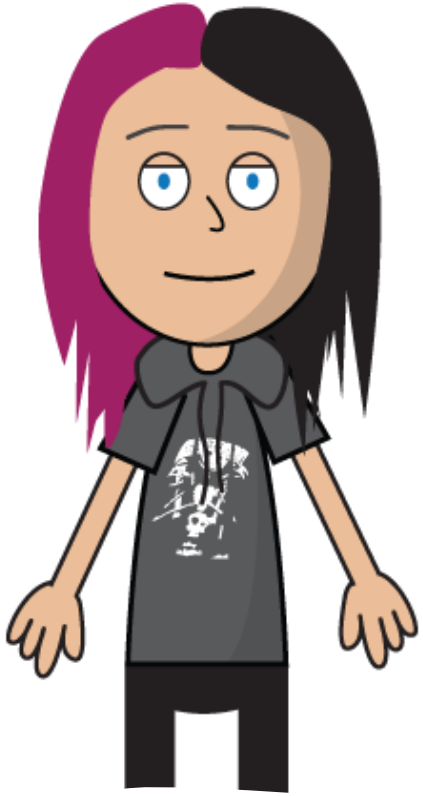
Share Power, build connections and support choice

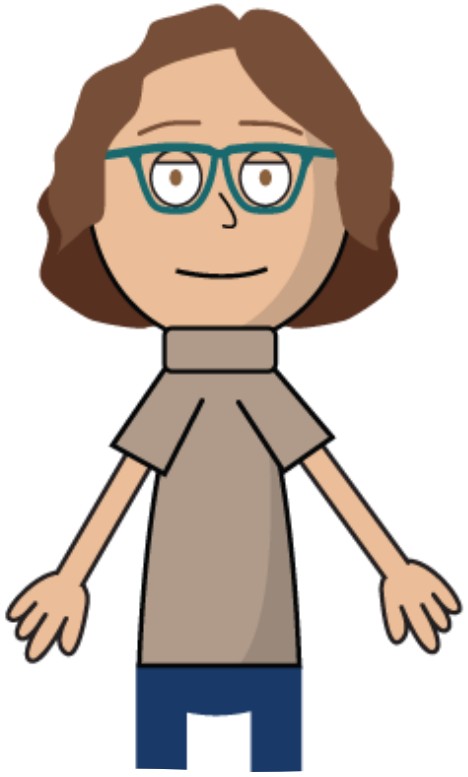
Any questions?

After hearing our presentation today, is there anything you would do differently?









Safer Citizens film

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