

# Leeds



## Safe Places Scheme

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your interest in the Leeds Safe Places Scheme.

Safe Places Schemes are being set up across the country. The aim is to help people with a learning disability deal with any incident that takes place whilst they are out and about in the community, for example harassment, getting lost or the person they are meeting fails to turn up.

The idea is very simple: businesses and organisations sign up to be a Safe Place. After training they are issued with a Safe Places sticker which they display in their window.



People with a learning disability join the scheme and receive a distinctive wristband together with an emergency contact card. The card has space for scheme users to write their name together with up to three telephone numbers/emergency contact names. In the event that they require assistance, they will look for a window sticker and tell the staff at the Safe Place that they need help. Staff will telephone one or more of the numbers listed on the card until they are able to speak with someone who knows the person and who can provide support.

The Leeds Safe Places Scheme is led by Leeds City Council Adult Social Care in partnership with third sector organisations, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds & York NHS Partnership Foundation Trust. The first Safe Place in Leeds was launched at the city bus station in June 2012. Over the coming months we will be approaching various shops, sports centres, libraries, cafes and places of interest to become Safe Places in order to establish a network across the city.

What we will provide to each Safe Place:

- Meeting to discuss the scheme in more details (if required)
- Brief and tailored training for your staff (led by people with learning disabilities)
- Peelable, A5 size, window sticker(s)

- On-going support in operating as a Safe Place

What organisations will offer as a Safe Place:

- Facilitate the training (approx one hour of staff time)
- Display window sticker(s)
- Provide assistance to a person with a learning disability, upon request, by telephoning the number(s) on their emergency contact card
- Keep the person in need of assistance safe until support is available

If you are interested in becoming one of a growing number of Safe Places in Leeds, please contact us at the address below:

Aspire Community Benefit Society  
Westfield Chambers  
Westfield Business Park  
Lower Wortley Road  
Leeds LS12 4PX

Phone: 0113 378 1919

e-mail: [safeplaces@aspirecbs.org.uk](mailto:safeplaces@aspirecbs.org.uk)

We will arrange to speak to you in more detail about how the scheme operates and arrange for training if you decide to proceed.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Leeds Safe Places Scheme.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive