



Transition Cooperative
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What is it all about?

The Transition Cooperative Project started in January 2013 and aims to build on the work of the previous 'Your Life Your Choices' Transition Project, which came to an end in December 2012.

We will be working with some families with disabled children across Monmouthshire to talk about their hopes and plans for the future.

We will also explore the idea of forming an organisation with parents/carers and individuals, to find out whether by working together we can come up with some creative solutions and better opportunities for young people and families in the future.

Find out more by clicking this link: [Mon Prezi](#)

What have we done so far?

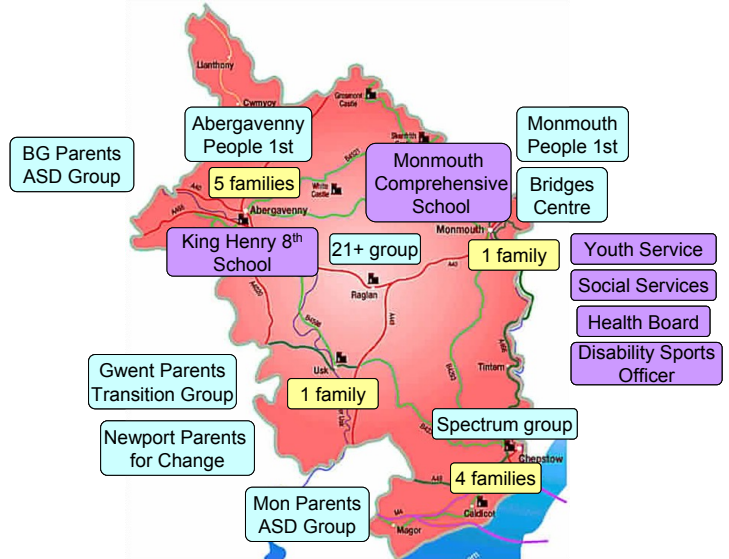
We have started by speaking to a range of community groups and a small number of families across Monmouthshire to explain our project's aims and to offer our support. From these initial visits we are beginning to build up a picture of the types of activities people are doing now and the opportunities that people would like to see more of in and around Monmouthshire in the future.

Recently we attended the Wales Co-Production meeting held in Abergavenny, where one of our parents, Sara Chicken, gave a moving account of family life, and the aspirations she has for her daughter Emily, who leaves school in 2 years time.

Read more here:

<http://coproductionnetwork.com/>

Groups and families we have made contact with:



What next?

We will be working with our first group of families to discuss their plans for the future. We would also like to make contact with other families and groups across Monmouthshire.

Please get in touch if you are interested...



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