

## Questions and Answers from Time to talk Next Steps Celebration 2024

In June 2024 NDTi celebrated the incredible achievements through the Time to Talk Next Steps programme<sup>1</sup>. A series of successful online sessions were co-facilitated by 12 young people and 4 dedicated carers and staff members. Each session offered a unique opportunity to share learning and reflections from young people, carers, staff, and associates.

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### Question: How many young people are in the Time to Talk programme?

We supported 266 young people over the last 3 years. Peer support sessions have about 10-15 people attend. Peer support is on zoom every 2 weeks. People come and go, and some sessions have a plan, and others are open chats.

### Question: What are the future plans for this programme?

We are in the process of applying for some further funding to set up Partners Make Time to Talk. If funding applications are successful, this new programme will enable NDTi to work with partners across England to create similar provision for young people in their local community Find out more here: Partners Make Time to Talk - NDTi

### Question (to young person): How does having a person centred plan help you to gain employment?

“It helps me better self-advocate for my needs, highlight my strengths and find my ideal workplace.”

### Question: How do we get in touch?

To hear updates on futures offers of training by young people, be advised when the final evaluation report is published report and find out more about our future work to develop similar provision with partners, please ask to be put on our mailing list by emailing:

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<sup>1</sup> Time to Talk Next Steps is a rights-based support initiative designed to empower people with additional support needs aged 16-25 across from across England. Delivered in partnership by NDTi and Contact, and funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, this programme has made a significant impact on the lives of many over the past 3 years.

**Question: Is it possible to see the training package for the young evaluators?**

NDTi's inclusive research and evaluation training programme: Learning Together, is now live. Please follow this link for more information

<https://www.ndti.org.uk/projects/learning-together>

**Question: Could anybody give recommended online platforms for sharing art which is a safe and ideally low language/high visual platform**

Delegates in the chat responded:

- Pinterest
- Discord
- Saatchi art
- Tumblr – good for low-language high visual as you can limit your time to it to just making a blog
- Instagram
- <https://www.multime.com/>
- Padlet <https://padlet.com/purpleSTARS/co-create-architecture-of-pharmacies-bags-of-well-being-an-e-h7nykxhj8sjretxo>

**Question: What as the impact of the Training Squad?**

The impact of all work in the project will be reported in the final project Evaluation report to be published in July 2024 on the NDTI Website.

**Question: Are there any plans for the Training Squad to run any more training sessions to practitioners?**

Our new project, Partners Make Time to Talk, aims to enable the young people who have spoken during the Celebration event to deliver more training for organisations across the country. As we wait for the outcome of funding applications, NDTi can be commissioned to organise training co-facilitated by young people with lived experience of disability.

**Question: Is it possible to access slides and recordings?**

Yes, you can access the recordings, slides and links through this link: [Resources from Time to Talk Next Steps Online Celebration 2024 - NDTi](#)