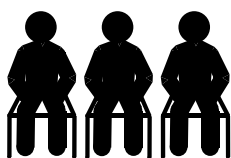
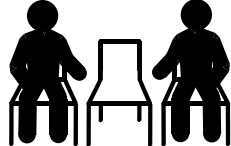



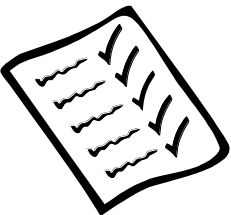
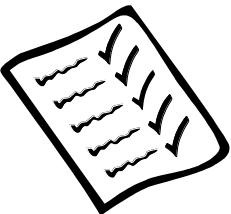
	<p>ERDWN Meeting 26th August 2010</p> <p>Impact of Welfare Reforms</p>
	<p>Present:</p> <p>Barbara Haniford, Naomi Adams, Norman McKenzie, Linda McCullagh, Shena Milroy, Jim Murray, Lisa-Marie Robertson, Mary Spence, Kenneth Stirling, Andrew Williamson, Alex Woods, Cllr Douglas Yates, Jean Alcock, Linda Arthur, Aileen bell, Irene brown, Farkhanda Chaudhry, Liz Duguid, Brain Dunigan, Elaine Fisher, Bernard Fishman, Chris Houston, Lorraine Kennedy, Nicola Kennedy.</p>
	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Jayne McKerrow, Tony Forry, Jacqui Reid, Helen Gourlay, Hameeda Haseeb</p>
	<p>Note of Meeting</p>
	<p>Jean Alcock talked about ERDWN and how members can use now use the Website and Twitter to disseminate information.</p>
	<p>Norman Mackenzie talked about the impact of proposed changes to Disability Living Allowance and other benefits. He posed 4 questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do we make sure that disabled people have access to accurate and up-to-date information, advice, advocacy and representation? 2. How do we support and encourage people to something if benefits are stopped or changed rather than just accepting change and making do?

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. How do we promote the rights of disabled people to gain meaningful employment? 4. How do we support disabled people to have their voice heard at national and local levels?
	<p>Delegates discussed these questions in four groups and then there was feedback session.</p>
	<p>Action Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify training needs for ERDWN members to help them keep up to-date and to share training costs. 2. Simple flow diagram on what to do if benefits changed or stopped to encourage individuals to appeal rather than accept. Disseminate as widely as possible - electronically, at Roadshows (should we hold one ourselves or just tag onto what is already going on?), and other events. Remember not everyone has access to Internet. 3. Raise awareness about among employers and disabled people of employment campaigns such as the Give us a Chance campaign 4. Support disabled people to lobby collectively about changes to welfare and care services.
	<p>Action Points for ERDWN</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruit a few members to planning group 2. Plan next meetings 3. Identify other organisations/people to join mailing list. 4. Members to send information to Jean for dissemination