Easy Read Blog Edition: Creating a Shared Glossary Together

All About The Workshop

On the 29th of June, some researchers at the university met up with people from **Speakup**.

Speakup is a group where people living with a learning disability have a say in what they need to better support them.

They came together for a **workshop**. The workshop was a small meeting where they talked about creating an **Easy Read glossary**.

An Easy Read glossary explains difficult words using simple language. It can help make information easier for people to understand.

The group were asked to speak simply and clearly to make it easier for people to understand and join in on the conversation.

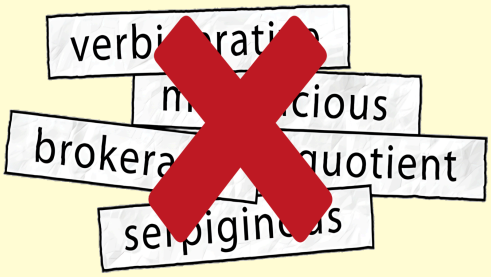
The First Group Activity

The group looked at existing Easy Read documents and suggested ways to make them better.

They looked at the words and **Photosymbols**.

Photosymbols are coloured pictures. They checked that they were easy to understand.

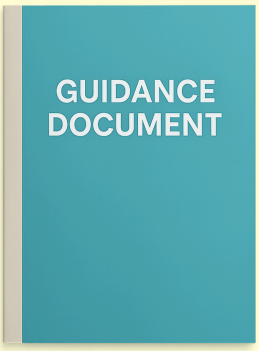
Speakup said that it was good to use clear pictures that help people understand the words.



They also said that it was good to use simple words that everyone can understand.

For the pages, they said that they should be short and well spaced out.

This activity helped us to make better Easy Read pages.



It also helped us to create a **guidance page** in the glossary. This page gives tips to help other researchers make Easy Read documents.

The Second Group Activity

The second activity looked at creating glossary **definitions** and making them better. An Easy Read definition is explaining what a word means in a clear way.

People spoke about choosing the right photosymbol. It is important to choose a picture that is clear and easy to understand.

People also had different understandings of the same word. This showed how words can have different meanings to different people.

This helped us to think about how our understanding of words affects the definitions we create

This helped us make sure the glossary definitions include different points of view.

What Happens Next

Miranda, who is a student working with us over the summer, will use the ideas from the workshop to create an Easy Read glossary. This glossary will look closely at adult social care research.

This will help researchers to create information that is clear, easy to understand and useful for more people.

Thank You

Thank you to Mari-Liis for leading the group and helping everyone share their ideas.

Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their ideas.

And a big thank you to Speakup for sharing their lived experience. We couldn't have done it without you.

Below is a picture of the group working at the workshop