

# GIFTS, COMMUNITY AND MEANING

**Learning from the Big Plan in Australia and Scotland. A one day workshop led by Heather Simmons and Steve Coulson**



Interest in large group person centred planning has grown in recent years. Learning from the work of Beth Mount and Connie Lyle O'Brien in the USA, Steve and Heather have developed a distinctive model in Scotland and Australia called the Big Plan. Based on a core question:

**“What would it take for this young man or woman to have an interesting fulfilling life where they would get to meet people who will become their friends and make their contribution to the community?”**

Steve and Heather have worked with in partnership with young people with learning difficulties and their families to plan for good lives after school since 2004. Heather has been invited over from Western Australia by EDG and in this unique and participative workshop they will share their insights and learning about this powerful and innovative process and address questions such as:

- ♥ How can the Big Plan help services work alongside young people and families?
- ♥ How can the Big Plan promote community inclusion and development?
- ♥ Can the Big Plan support the development of Personalisation?
- ♥ Is the Big Plan just for young people with disabilities?
- ♥ Might the “system” distort the Big Plan?



## **Who is this workshop for?**

Anyone interested in deeper learning about the Big Plan or who wants to find out more.

## **Where is it?**

Wighton House Conference Centre, Niddrie Mains Road, Edinburgh EH16 4EA

## **When?**

Friday 1 October 2010 10am - 4pm (lunch and refreshments included)

**Cost - £95**

## **To make sure you book a place contact...**

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