

Feedback from Positive Looking Best Practice Day October 19th 2022

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Thank you so much for today. My colleagues and I appreciated how much work it took you to put on the event and discussed it all the way home. We were inspired by you and all of the presenters. As you know I have been using Positive Looking for many years and I am an advocate for your work.

Thank you for everything, particularly your support and your enthusiasm. Today was another great success!! The rippling affect will hopefully change to great waves to push vision further up the agenda. I wish you success with everything that you have planned ahead.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“How to embed Positive Looking and visual work in non-structured sessions, e.g. downtimes, break, lunchtime etc.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“As always a fantastic opportunity to network and learn/share new ideas and initiatives. Consolidates and solidifies ideas regarding developing personal VI passports.

Love the idea of a VI party – great idea to develop confidence of support staff as well as great use of very limited VI input from Sensory Support Service Team.

The really great thing as always with anything you produce Gwyn is I always leave enthused, inspired and armed not only with great ideas but physical resources to support staff and impact on pupil’s visual development. Thank you!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Excellent presentations today, I really enjoyed Sally’s idea of the VI Parties. It was also brilliant to have the opportunity to speak with such interesting people. It is not often we have the opportunity to speak to

groups of people with a shared interest. Thanks for arranging the event Gwyn, really enjoyed it. I have lots to think about over the next few weeks, Brilliant work Gwyn.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Vision parties – Yeah!

List of visual targets – highlighted

Rachel’s icons

Taking a ‘bottom up’ approach

Great opportunity to meet others and hear well-developed best practices

Making me think more about Positive Looking approaches

Microsoft Sway

Can we have a session focussed on Post-16?”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“VI party – capacity building

Pupil passports

See it, find it, use it

Rachel’s website”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Using, ‘See it, find it, use it’

Use it to support our implementation of Positive Looking in school

Using it to further support our vision champions to contribute to writing vision profiles”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Hearing from others how they

Positive Looking Takeaway

“VI Party – class/school/borough networking opportunity.

Capacity building through training.

Positive Looking Trainer course

See it, Find it, Use it.

Vision Friendly Environment – calm corridors and ‘Make it Easy’ logos.

Vision profiles and passports.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Practical ideas from workshop to help make VI children’s learning more accessible

- VI disco
- Assessing CVI
- Passport”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Looking at cross borough collaborations how our Service work together.

VI parties in school – can we invited others to ours?

Look at % with a diagnosis in setting vs known statistics. Where else could CVI be present in my setting? How can we stress the value of Positive Looking to teachers of those without ‘official’ CVI status?”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Practical, simple activities to take back to school staff/parents which will make an impact!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“A renewed enthusiasm for developing VI skills throughout the school day and not just in isolation. I want to be able to inspire and enthuse my class team to be doing this too. Thank you.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Keeping it simple and demystifying visual skill development for all!!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Learning more approaches for demystifying CVI and explaining to non-specialists / parents

Using video clips in assessment more

Explaining to class teachers and teaching assistants how to make a very challenging task more comfortable (using visual tasks to demonstrate this)

Using vision skills highlighted in green and yellow on back of vision passports to show which skills children are secure in or developing”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“All day! Everyday!

Disco time!

Ways to share with parents in different ways

Learn new ideas

Resources to make and use in class”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Hour long disco to support Positive Looking

Lots of good ideas to implement

Liaising / sharing ideas / sharing resources

Making the activities takeaway – meaningful

VI Passports

Working as a team.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Meeting new people, listening to different ideas to refresh my knowledge and ideas to use with the range of young people I work with”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“See it – Find it – Use it ... going to integrate this into reports and working with schools

VI party – support from Peri team to special schools

Use of videos for assessment.

Fab as usual!

Time to reflect and network”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Light stim party, CVI assessment

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Inspiring ideas to take into my practice.

Tools for assessing CVI”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“A simple definition of CVI to share with colleagues (teachers and teaching assistants)

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Simple language / useable mottos to share”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“VI Party – once a month (to start)

Encourage teachers to download the Positive Looking app – put onto our school computers

Neon fabric colour tent for in my classroom

Story Time Show!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Capacity building efficiently by following up idea of a VI party!

Make cube / tri-board / stand. Using cardboard box and black non-toxic matt paint

Microsoft Sway

CVI assessment”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Very interesting presentations with incredible inspiring presenters, uplifting ideas.

VI party – will try to initiate a drop in time for VI awareness and training.

Resources that others shared – Amazon will be busy

See it, Find it, Use it – I will be looking that up

www.Makeiteasiertosee.com

Discuss with managers – changing reports as discussed.

I will re-introduce visual passports to the special school where I work.

Buzzing with the idea of pushing vision up the agenda and keep Positive Eye initiatives going. Gwyn, don't retire just yet!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“VI disco, party time

Keep it simple – See it, use it, find it

Ripple effect

The power of the Positive Looking App”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Make it easier to see!

VI Party Time

See it, Find it, Use it

Capacity building

Whole school approach – school goals

Story Time Show

Microsoft Sway”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Hearing from others how they are moving forward – ideas and tips

Shared ideas for resources

Chance to focus on hierarchy of skills and think how they can be developed across all areas of the school day.

Ideas for motivating and involving others.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“I really like the ideas of the visual profile (rather than a long winded report in jargon)

I will definitely use the diagram to record children’s visual responses. The VI party sounded fun and we have discussed how it could be managed by visiting QTVI’s. The idea of ‘All of the time’ some of the time and rarely is so applicable to our assessments of MDVI children. Lots packed in to the day.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“The presentations were brilliant!! I’m eager to try the ‘VI Party’ back at my school as I think it would be great to train up support staff to use Positive Looking back in the classroom. It will also speed up Positive Looking skills amongst staff. As usual Gwyn a fabulous networking day which we can take away so many new brilliant ideas for good practice in VI.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Meeting new people and getting lots of new ideas. Fun, friendly atmosphere. How fortunate my schools is. The support I receive from Manchester Sensory Support Service.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Practical idea – Positive Looking Parties (eventually working on parental engagement)

See it, find it, use it

Using this model for CVI assessments – less jargon”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Amazing ideas on new resources and materials. New reading material by professionals in the field. New networking contacts who I can share ideas with. I really loved your enthusiasm in Positive Looking it’s very contagious and I hope programme lasts for many many more years.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Great practical ideas. VI disco / party. Resources to be shared at network event. Connections with other professionals for ideas and sharing.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Listening to the different speakers and their ideas – can carry forward in my role and support as best as possible. Networking – looking at different resources used. Collating lots of ideas for the group activity.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“To promote school wide.

To use share the app

To create resources so they can be used in play, downtime etc

To have a vision party.”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Lots of different ideas /opinions – no right or wrong

Also lots of similarities and shared practice!

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Uplifting day.

Use of VI passports

Great ideas, sharing good practice

Just so positive

Networks to local schools

Quality conversations

Very thought provoking to current practice”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Inspirational

Network links / contacts

Practical ideas

Capacity building ideas for whole school approach

Excellent examples of good practice from other authorities

Excellent reviews of VI profile / assessment (review own practice)”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“An excellent day! Pages of ideas written down, lots of contacts with other professionals to continue sharing ideas with. Love the make and take away resources. Great opportunity to meet others who want to make vision a priority. Feeling enthusiastic and ready for a VI party!”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“A wonderful day – meeting wonderful Positive Looking practitioners, VI teachers and all.

Great to hear how Positive Looking is being rolled out strategically. How to overcome the barriers and persevere with making the changes – it can happen.

Learning more about CVI. How to implement Positive Looking into curriculum and training staff so building confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you. Always leave with ideas and inspiration. You are AMAZING GWYN!

Loved the idea of creating a resource for us to take back”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Use of make it easier icons – displays /passport – one page profiles

Using time in schools – smart. VI Party / network /training staff

Showing progress – what can we do to show progress simply?

Physical resources”

Positive Looking Takeaway

“Sharing ideas with other practitioners. Learning what others are doing.
Knowing what we are doing in our school is making a difference.
Knowing what training is available.”