EAPN Iceland

Strengths and challenges of the 2nd Pillar

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- Established in november 2011
- Vilborg Oddsdóttir – President from the start
- Vice president Laufey Ólafsdóttir from 2013
- Member organizations have been around 10
- New ones in, some in and out.
- Established and active in 3 municipalities

Our initial challenges with PEP

- Where to start?
- Tried to have open meetings – didn't work!
- Very few active members
- Disorganization
- No money

Working on challenges of the 2nd pillar - PEP

- New active board members interested in PEP
- New powerful division in Akureyri
- Regular meetings of our PEP group
- Facebook & Website
- Translation of "Breaking Barriers – Driving Change"
- PEP in Brussels – very important for recruitment of new members!

Our plans for PEP 2015

- Continue meeting on a regular basis
- Gradually add more people
- Work on our website
- Be active on facebook
- Questionnaire to evaluate people's situation
- Important for knowing what we can do
- Offer our member organizations fees to start group work
- Make brochures/leaflets to hand out

How MASS has helped us

- Organization!
- An important checklist for self-assessment
- Exchange with other members
- Interactive communication about challenges – feedback
- A learning process!