

Disability Backup Year Evaluation
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What have you liked and not liked about Disability Backup over the past year?

Liked

- Can influence council decisions
- Ask councillors face to face
- Accessibility, content and action!
- The assistance, if I have a problem I can ask!
- Improvement of regular communication with disabled people and external visitors
- The help I've received from Catherine with social paper work and queries
- Enjoying myself and the meetings and listening to speakers
- Very good
- Catherine she is so helpful
- Access to information and advice
- Meeting different people with different issues
- I like to come to the meeting but sometimes I cant remember I enjoy coming to meet people I feel good I get out of the house
- I like it
- (This is my) first meeting, been a carer for 3 years without any help but now carers have information from the Older peoples reference group
- I liked everything
- To meet new people
- I like the new friends I have made and the willingness of people to help
- Everything
- The meeting place, friendly atmosphere. Catherine is very caring and helpful. Socially meeting other people and making friends. Relaxing and educative atmosphere
- Social aspects and results to problems
- The way staff have helped me with forms and referred me to relevant people who have helped
- My first time, seems very friendly and lively, gets things done I hope
- Meeting new people
- I like the arrangements of the group
- Catherine!
- All support given to people with disabilities
- This is my first meeting not able to comment but I think its good
- Ambience, sociability
- Modern accommodation and ambience
- The friendship, the sharing information being able to contact and get back too

Didn't Like

- I haven't met the lady of my dreams!
- Sometimes no answer in the office
- Sometimes the inconvenient times of the disability backup meetings as they can clash with other commitments I have
- Things don't get done for disabled people

- Nothing
- There is nothing that I dislike the staff are very nice to all of us
- I am a young woman and deaf and everyone here is older and disabled
- The long period it has taken to know about Catherine and other groups
- I liked it all!
- There is nothing not to like so far...
- I thought from the internet that it wasn't for older people
- I cant see people's names (on their labels)

What topics would you like Disability Backup to have in the future?

- Sex and disability
- Transport
- All the relevant ones
- Small group meetings, focus groups
- Access in Hackney, Transport
- Being a registered DPO? (Disabled Persons Organisation)
- Regular updates of members attending meetings or events
- More talks regarding welfare benefits and pensions and all the laws regarding mentally or disabled people and how they affect us
- To keep in touch with disabled people in the whole of Hackney
- More social outings
- Access in Hackney
- Housing Benefits, parking, freedom passes
- Transport particularly types of disability. Long delays in dealing with disability authorities and publicity.
- Getting together more socially
- Old age and the future
- Independent living
- Accessibility
- Human rights
- Neighbourhood watch about elderly abuse
- Social events
- Campaigning for more accessible pubs and nightclubs in London. Advice on visually impaired groups in London.
- Older people becoming disabled
- Transport
- Sport centres and pools
- Follow up on all topics raised
- Cross service people and organisations linking up, volunteering, social drop in and education, dance and sport, disability parliament and council.
- How to get more money

How many meetings do you think you have been to?

1-3	42%
4-6	23%
7-9	21%
10-12	14%

What would you like to change about Disability Backup?

- More people
- More specific courses
- Join up with annual Hackney festival
- To help people as much as you can
- Nothing but I like the way they see things to the end and get things done
- To meet once a month, last week of the month if possible
- More regular meetings and networking
- Younger people
- You people have brought lots of changes to disability people
- Social events
- Help more disabled people
- Reach more disabled people and increase size, also for gay and mentally impaired people
- Social events out of Hackney
- Meet more regularly or have a drop in