

Newsletter - September 2009 - Issue 11

Welcome to Disability Backup's Newsletter

Disability Forum

When? Friday 18th September 11-1pm

Where? City Edge, 125 Mare Street, Hackney, E8 3RG

What? The Olympics

Who? Julie Amory, Equality & Inclusion Manager from the Olympic Delivery Authority

Want to come? We can provide transport to collect you from your home!

For more information or to book interpreter please contact Catherine on 0207 257 0088 ext 209

Feedback from August Forum Meeting

Our August meeting was the liveliest yet with over 35 people. The Equality and Diversity team from Hackney Council came to discuss an award for business idea, see what the members had to say in the [minutes](#).

We also began work on our disability charter, please see the enclosed copy and return to me with your comments!

Focus Group Dates

The following Focus Groups have been arranged. If you are interested in attending these please let Catherine know.

- **Hackney Museum Focus Group** - Help design a sensory exhibition for Hackney Museum
 - Tuesday 8th September 1.20-3pm
 - at Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, Hackney
 - **Service First Centre Focus Group** - To discuss access issues regarding the new centre which is being built.
 - Thursday 15th October 10-12pm
 - at Hackney Town Hall
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Shaping the Future of Care together - The Big Care Debate

On 14th July 2009 the Government launched the Green Paper, Shaping the Future of Care Together, which suggests ways it can improve the care and support system in England, both in the way it is delivered and funded.

England's care and support system that the green paper says it needs to reform in order to meet the demands of changing society. Yes we are living longer and we

have higher expectations of what public services will provide for us. There is more older people, more disabled people and more people with mental health conditions requiring support, many of them will need care for longer.

Contact Catherine for a copy of the green paper. As a result, the current care and support system will face increasing costs. The green paper says radical reform is needed, to respond to these pressures as well as to address the concerns that people have told us they have with the current system.

The green paper says it wants to create a system for the future that is fairer, simple to understand and more affordable for everyone. There will now be a period of public consultation until the 13th November. During this time there will be running a series of local events across London at which the issues raised in the Green Paper will be discussed in detail. Some of the proposed changes are stopping Attendance Allowance and potential reduction of DLA.

Disability Backup has registered and will inform you of any events happening in the area, alternatively, Please follow the link below to register your place at one of the events:

www.coievents.co.uk/careandsupport or telephone 020 7261 8400.

Disability Backup Language Code

Please take a look at our Language Code; We would like to get forum members, and then local services to sign up to this commitment.

If you have any comments or want to change anything please edit the attached version and return.

We will put together a final version for approval by the forum members at the next meeting; we will then aim to gather as many signatures from local services and local people as possible!

Thank you.

Hackney LINK

The next public meeting of the LINK will be on:

Thursday 24th September 3-5pm.

Venue to be confirmed.

Disability Backup is on the steering group and so can now Represent disabled people in Health Care issues.

Pan London Events

What? Liberty Festival, event celebrating deaf and disabled people's contribution to London's Culture.

When? Saturday 5th September 1-6pm

Where? Trafalgar Square

What? No Limits Deaf and Disabled Londoners Conference a leading forum involving disabled people, policy makers and representative organisations.
When? Friday 25th September 9-5pm

Where? Excel Centre, call 0844 906 0221 to register

All ability cycling club

Do you cycle? We offer all-ability cycling and promote the usage of cycling within the learning / disabled communities.

Why not get your confidence up at the All Ability Cycling club run by Bikeworks at Victoria Park on alternate Saturdays from 1-3pm.

It's free!

Bicycles & tricycles are provided.
Next dates: 29 August, 12 and 26 September.

You must book in advance by calling 0208 980 7998 during the week. See www.bikeworks.org.uk.

Lend a Hand?

As our membership is growing, we are sending more information by post.

Catherine is asking for anyone who wants to volunteer a few hours of their time to helping sending out the Newsletter and other papers.

If you are free, please come on the 8th Sept 10-12pm or call to arrange another time.

Thank you!

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