



Disability Backup

CEN Award Salutes Disability Backup

Disability Backup has been presented with an award by the Community Empowerment Network for a Network which has had 'most success in overcoming difficulties.'

After its former host organisation closed in March, DBU members refused to accept defeat and continued to run the network themselves. DBU team members said:

"By taking up the cudgels ourselves, we've shown that a user-led network is an effective way for the voices of disabled people to get heard in Hackney."

A new host organisation, Age Concern Hackney, has now been appointed. Project worker Carol Davis said:

"We are delighted to be working with Disability Backup and supporting its members' efforts to achieve equality for disabled people in Hackney."



New project workers Carol Davis and David Holland



L to R: Ron Newman, Maureen Ford, Cllr Jonathon McShane and John Thornton at the CEN Award Ceremony

Disability Backup Forum Monday 25th July 2011 3pm – 5pm

Update on review and retendering for Health & Wellbeing services - Eve Oldham, Joint Commissioner;

Transport access issues (blue badges, parking, buses, community transport, Freedom pass and pavements)

City Edge, Ground Floor Seminar Room, 125-127 Mare Street E8 3RH

Buses 26,48,55,106,236,388, 394, D6 Junction of Mare St and Westgate St. (on-street parking is available nearby)

Help with transport to meeting available for those with mobility difficulties.

Call 020 7241 5908 or text 07810771692

**ON THE BUSES' DAY OF ACTION - Transport for All
Tuesday 6th September 2011**

Disabled people face a number of barriers when travelling by bus in London, from buses not pulling up close enough to the kerb, to retractable wheelchair ramps not working properly. More work needs to be done to improve older and disabled people's experiences on London buses. Join us on **Tuesday 6th September** for our 'On the Buses' Day of Action.

We will gather at **10.30am** at **Liverpool St Station** (11 bus stop **Point B** on map) We will then board buses to **Westminster (Parliament Square)**, where we will go to the **Abbey Centre** for lunch and 'Question Time', with senior figures from Transport for



London, various bus companies and the London Assembly invited to attend. You will have the chance to put your questions to the panel.

The event ends at **3pm** and will include a free lunch and tea. If you would like to attend the Day of Action, please **register your interest**. Contact Alice Woudhuysen, Communications and Campaigns Officer at Age UK London **by 16th August** on awoudhuysen@ageuklondon.org.uk or phone 020 7820 6778. **Places are limited, so act now!**

**September Forum
Meeting**

September 23rd 2011
(venue to be confirmed)

10.30am – 12.30pm

Speakers on changes
in Disability Living
Allowance

**Contact the Disability Backup Forum
and get involved in our activities !**

Ongoing work on transport, access to leisure and recreation, development of our acceptable language code and more:
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