

Introduction

This incredible organisation that is committed to fundraising for disabled people would not exist if it were not for the skilled and trusted individuals who have made it possible.

We recruit only the most caring and committed people who fight for the same values we treasure, and this makes all the difference.

They are prepared to take the necessary action to fully support disabled individuals and we are so grateful to have them as part of our community.

Trustees standing for election:

Andrew Carpenter

My name is Andrew. I am autistic and live in Tottenham. I joined Disability Action Haringey (DAH) as a Trustee in 2021 and would like to continue.

I have been active in attending meetings about autism regularly with Haringey Council for some years now. I also used to coChair the Joint Partnership Board in Haringey.

Currently, I work for NHS England as the Autism Programme Development Lead in the London Region. I previously worked for Local Authorities, writing both a dementia strategy and the beginnings of an autism strategy. I chaired the Accessibility Board for Westminster Council. I was also self-employed for

over 15 years, giving training on Personalisation, support planning and also on autism.

At DAH, I chair the Governance Sub-Committee, where we have been reviewing the policies and procedures of the organisation, making sure we have all the right documents.

I hope to support DAH in the future, to become more visible, and see it grow and be able to offer advice and support to even more disabled people. The more members we have, the more powerful our voice for change becomes. With my professional background, I hope to support DAH to identify new opportunities as well.

Patricia Charlesworth

I was one of the three founding trustees of DAH having been a member of the working group of disabled people who established the organisation. When DAH became operational, I have continued to raise awareness of the organisation by attending meetings in the community.

I regularly attend trustee meetings and I am a member of the Governance Sub-committee.

I am a person with a learning disability, and I am passionate about DAH providing services for disabled people but also would like to see more people with a learning disability becoming members, playing an active role in the organisation and speaking up for themselves.

Yvonne Denny

I am Yvonne Denny and have been with D.A.H. from halfway through the starting up of the Organisation. I have a very strong belief in Deaf and Disabled people. I have a two Deaf Sons one with multiple needs. I also have Mobility needs and a living Brain Tumour. My Husband has severe disabilities as well.

I have given my time to D.A.H. in many ways and have also served many Residents with food hampers for Christmas and as a Member and founder member of this group this Christmas we were able to serve 1500 this year.

I have approached D.A.H. for referrals for this year 2022. My life is devoted to Disabled Children and my teaching of Deaf and Disabled children that I have had through my life has given me a greater understanding of the many challenges children face in their lives.

I have just completed levels 1 and 2 HIV and Aids courses I will start level 3 shortly. I have supported twelve men and three woman through their fight to find a cure, sadly too late for them but a memory of fun and laughter.

I enjoy what I do at D.A.H. and would like to stand again. I do belong to two other Charity Trusts.

Jade Ponnudurai

My name is Jade Ponnudurai . I am a trustee for Disability Action Haringey, and I started volunteering for Disability Action Haringey in May 2021. I worked for five years within mainstream and specialist education provisions with young people with disabilities, I then went on to work for almost two years within the adult social care sector as an autism hub coordinator. Currently I am working as an expert by experience for the NHS, a pastoral

manager (with autism specialism) for a music hall and various speaker roles at events covering topics on disability, race, diversity and inclusion. I have three degrees (Fine Art; Special Educational Needs and Disabilities; Special and Inclusive Education). When I am not working or volunteering for Disability Action Haringey, I also volunteer for an assistance dog charity as an accessibility and content manager, and I have just written a book chapter which is due to be published this year as part of a project about autistic school staff. My current hobby is dog training as I am currently owner training my assistance dog.

The past year as a trustee I have taken part in the governance sub-committee to review and make changes to policies within Disability action Haringey.

In the next year I look forward to seeing the charity grow and reach and support more disabled people within the community.

Emily Reynolds

After six years as a journalist, I now work in mental health. I have used my own lived experience working at Wish, a user-led mental health charity for women, Inclusion Barnet, the Violence, Abuse and Mental Health Network, Mind and others. I work at Mind in Haringey on suicide prevention and am also a trustee of the user-led mental health charity National Survivor User Network (NSUN).

I am passionate about user- and community-led organisations, and my work focuses on these areas, with particular expertise in co-production and user involvement. Since my appointment at DAH I have been involved in the finance subcommittee as well as assisting with funding applications. I have also helped organise the AGM.



My vision for the next year at DAH is for the organisation to expand its profile, allowing us to reach many more disabled people in Haringey. I'd also love to see more partnership working, strengthening the links between different communities within the borough and beyond.