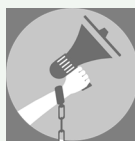


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DISABILITY ACTION HARINGEY

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BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE HARINGEY - TOGETHER

Direct Payments Support



Direct Payment Support -
Angela Wareham

A lot of people are eager to go onto Direct Payments because of the greater choice and flexibility it offers them, though finding the right PA can initially be a lot of work; for some, the prospective PA is already known to them and it is just a matter of signing them up, while for others it requires a lot of careful thought ensuring the skills of the applicant and their values and attitudes match the requirements of the job. We took over the administration of

the Find-a-PA website at the start of September and we are supporting both direct payment holders and prospective PAs to register on the site as a means to facilitate the recruitment process.

We can support direct payment holders and those who are interested in becoming direct payment holders to draw up a job description for the work and to plan and prepare for the recruitment interview process as well as supporting the employer to carry out essential checks before the new employee takes up the post.

The best person to advise someone is often someone who has been through the same experience themselves. The Peer Mentor scheme with both one-to-

one and group support through peers is the cornerstone of the project and we are in the process of slowly building up team of volunteers who will take the work forward.

If you are a direct payment holder you can also access peer support in a one-to-one or group setting; talking to existing direct payments holders will give you the opportunity learn more about how Direct Payments work so that you will feel better equipped and supported to make the best decisions about what is right for you. To find out more please contact Angela on **0203 355 9883**

Personal (Care) Assistants...

Are you interested in a caring, exciting and rewarding career as a Personal (Care) Assistant?

Disability Action Haringey (DAH) is providing information sessions that will help you discover exciting local, flexible employment opportunities in support & social care.



Register today with Disability Action Haringey.

If you wish to learn more about our services, please visit our

website: www.d-a-h.org

email: info@d-a-h.org

You can also telephone us on: 0203 3559884

DAH Support Services for:

- WELFARE BENEFITS
- DIRECT PAYMENTS
- PEER SUPPORT
- HOUSING
- TRANSPORT

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HARINGEY - TELL
US ABOUT YOUR
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EDITIONS...

Out & About in Haringey...

What's happening for you in Haringey?

Personal (Care) Assistant information sessions - DAH contact:

0203 3559884

email: info@d-a-h.org

Write By You wants to inspire the next generation of female writers. We believe too many young writers don't see themselves reflected in the stories surrounding them.

We work with young, female, female-identifying and non-binary writers (aged 12-18) who are underrepresented in the publishing industry (BAME, LGBTQI+, carers, disabled, low-income household) to develop their creativity, confidence and find their personal voice. We provide workshops with professional writers, followed by 1-2-1 coaching to develop a piece of work for our annual anthology.

All workshops are fully accessible.

www.writebyyou.org

Sewn Together - Empowering Creative Communities Create and Craft 2022

Join our free crafting workshops in person and online!

We aim to engage all individuals facing isolation and loneliness with an emphasis on individuals living in low income households, in receipt of government benefits.

The workshops are designed and delivered by qualified crafters and artisans with locality knowledge and offer support and guidance to participants who are willing to learn and share skills, meet new people and get involved in local community events.

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These Girls Do Chair Yoga and Relaxation

As part of the 'These Girls Do' programme, Chair Yoga and Relaxation taking place at Broadwater Farm Community Centre.

Mondays - 7pm to 8pm, take some time for yourself...

Contact: [Broadwater Farm Community Centre](mailto:Broadwater_Farm_Community_Centre)

Hornsey Central Supper Club – bringing residents together

Socially isolated residents living close to Hornsey Central Neighbourhood Centre can find support to make relationships, build social networks, and reconnect with others in their communities through a new fortnightly supper club. The supper clubs offer a healthy, nutritionally-balanced meal, conversation, and fun activities such as a quiz or bingo.

Contact: Andrea.Wershof@haringey.gov.uk

DAH Staff Member Profile...



Full Name: Mash Alam

Job Title: Project Support Coordinator at Disability Action Haringey

About your role:

My job as Project Support Coordinator is to work with the DAH team to encourage, support & facilitate the process for local people in Haringey and beyond to become Personal (Care) Assistants. I therefore match Per-

sonal Assistants with direct payment holders in Haringey.

The scheme offers opportunities for DP holders to become employers, which contributes towards greater independence and choice for DP holders

I deliver workshops, information sessions and one to one opportunities via DAH so that local people can learn about what it takes to become a Personal (Care)

Assistant and help facilitate the matching process. I also get involved in varied aspects of organisational life at DAH and no day is the same!

As a local person in Haringey, I feel I am playing a part in helping to dismantle barriers for disabled people by ensuring they can play a fulfilling part in community life.

-Mash

DAH AGM—Annual General Meeting...

Disability Action Haringey will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th March 2022. The event will take place from 2pm until 4pm at the Winkfield Resource Centre, 33 Winkfield Rd, London N22 5RP.

Places are limited, so please contact us if you would like to reserve a place - alternatively you can access the event online by contacting us to send an emailed invitation link.

You can email: info@d-a-h.org or telephone us on: 0203 355 0071 for more information.

Guest speakers include: Ellen Clifford - Author of 'The War on Disabled People', together with Haringey Cllr

Members of Disability Action Haringey have full voting rights at the meeting but service users and members of the wider Haringey community are of course very

welcome to attend or view online - so please come along and get involved!



Membership Focus...

If you are a Deaf or disabled person in Haringey and you want your voice heard, become a member! In doing so, you could contribute to the development of initiatives aimed at supporting disabled people in maintaining their independence.

Sounds good, so what else does membership offer me?

You will be able to vote at the AGM.

You can participate in our awareness raising campaigns, giving you the chance to shape our messaging.

You can help strengthen the organisation, which enhances our ability to imbed the social model of disability in the local area.

You are welcome to contact the CEO or Chair, or visit the office with an appointment.

You will receive our DAH newsletter, keeping you abreast of everything that's happening in the disabled community and at DAH.

You will be invited to all of our DAH events, giving you the chance to bond with other people in our community.

"FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT MEMBERSHIP OF DAH OFFERS YOU AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN HARINGEY"

Your Social Media...

Disability Action Haringey is actively using social media to keep up-to-date on current news, local events and National initiatives affecting our service users and members across Haringey.

You can find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and we are currently building our media activity to

bring video and audio content through YouTube and TikTok.

Why not follow us and let us follow you back - it's a great way to access all of the latest news and to keep in touch on a daily basis.

We'd love you to share your stories and help us to truly represent your voice.

Find us at:

Twitter

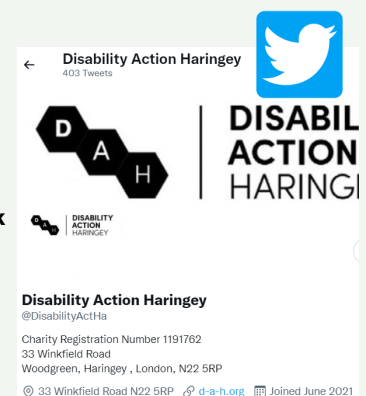
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Building a more inclusive Haringey

DISABILITY ACTION HARINGEY

Disability Action Haringey (DAH) was formed in 2020 as a pan disability membership organisation with the aim of supporting disabled people in the London Borough of Haringey maintain their independence and freedom.

Disability Action Haringey, known as DAH for short, provides free, confidential and impartial advice and support to its community and campaigns on issues affecting lives of disabled people in Haringey. Our goal is to create a community where every individual feels included, with access to the services they need to live fully and independently.

How does it work?

DAH offers a wide range of services which include:

Free welfare benefit advice service to disabled people in Haringey.

support with housing concerns including providing assistance with rehousing applications, occupational therapy referrals, reasonable adjustments and repairs.

We can assist with applications for a blue badge, taxi card and freedom pass. We are also able to support with advocating with Transport for London for more accessible services or with making a complaint.

We can support disabled people in Haringey setup Direct Payments

DAH also offers advice and support around employment of a personal (care) assistant for both new and existing Direct payment holders in Haringey.

How can I access it?

Please book an appointment in advance, there is also a drop-in service available at the Winkfield Resource Centre in Wood Green Monday to Friday between 10am until 15:00pm where people can drop by to speak to a member of the team.

To find out when the next available appointment is, please contact us by email or telephone.

If you would like to join Disability Action Haringey as a member, please register via our website –

<https://www.d-a-h.org/index.php/get-involved/membership>

Office Address:

Disability Action Haringey

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