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Introducing Hannah...

Hello, I'm working on our new youth peer support project and so far I'm really enjoying my time at ADKC! I'm inspired about the possibilities of building bridges between younger and older generations of disabled Londoners in Kensington and Chelsea.

Personally, I'm neurodivergent with chronic illness and I've worked in

the voluntary and disability sector for five years in a variety of roles ranging from self-advocacy and campaigns to support work to coordinating activities programs. I also have a background in more grassroots campaigning and advocacy especially around climate and migrant justice. I'm looking forward to getting to know ADKC members better!



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Youth Peer Support
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(I work Mondays and Fridays)

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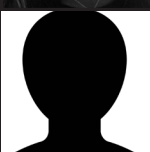
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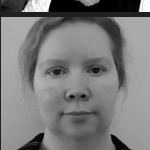
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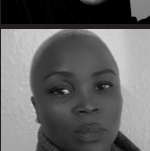
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Editor's word

Jamie Renton



Welcome to the July edition of Newsflash. Elsewhere in this issue you'll find information about our Kensington and Chelsea Disabled People's Question Time Community Safety Special, taking place on Thursday 18th July, 3-5pm.

This is the latest of our long running and very successful Question Time events, in which a panel of senior decision makers and service providers are questioned by an audience of local disabled people on a theme which is important to them. Previous themes have included Housing, Transport, Public Health and Social Care

Members of our Voice Of Experience / PRAG Group chose Community Safety as the theme which was important to them. They asked that there was a particular focus on Disability Hate Crime and Anti-Social

We are now using Language Line interpreting service at ADKC!

This means that we can now deliver our services to disabled people who speak little or no English. Up to now, we have had to try to find same language interpreters or advisors in other local organisations.

Language Line provides interpreters through three-way calls during appointments, making ADKC services more inclusive and accessible.*

Behaviour. We are currently working with colleagues in the Council to invite panelists who can answer questions on these issues.

These Question Times events have become a very good example of co-production between ADKC and RBKC. User led and developed in partnership. We would like to see all local services delivered in this way (we can but hope!)

The next issue of Newsflash should be with you later in the Summer. Until then, stay safe, take care and please get in touch if you need our support with anything.

Jamie Renton
Chief Executive

For more information, contact Marian at ADKC on 020 8960 8888/ 0754 550 6114 or [e information@adkc.org.uk](mailto:information@adkc.org.uk)

** ADKC's works with adults with physical disability/ sensory impairment, (but not severe mental health conditions or learning disability), who live or work in Kensington and Chelsea.*

Changes to benefits: Moving to Universal Credit

The DWP intends to begin moving people on benefits such as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Jobseekers Allowance onto Universal Credit in 2024/2025. The DWP plans to move everyone onto Universal Credit by 2028.

If you receive income-related (means-tested) Employment and Support Allowance and do not get tax credits, the changeover to Universal Credit will not happen until 2028. Get qualified advice from one of the Advice Services listed below if you are not sure whether you are getting income-related ESA.

How will the transition to Universal Credit happen?
The DWP will send out a letter, called a "Migration Notice", telling you that your current benefit, e.g. ESA, is ending and the deadline date by which you must apply for Universal Credit.

It is very important to claim Universal Credit by the deadline date in your Migration Notice letter, if not, your benefits will stop. (See below where to get advice on how to apply for Universal Credit).

Changeover from ESA payments to Universal Credit Employment and Support Allowance is paid fortnightly, Universal Credit is paid monthly.

Once you have applied for Universal Credit, you'll keep getting your current benefit paid for 2 more weeks if you're getting income-related (means-tested) Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Jobseekers

Allowance or Income Support.
It usually takes around 5 weeks to get your first Universal Credit payment. Get advice from any of the advice services below if you are struggling to make ends meet while waiting for your first Universal Credit payment.

Things to remember...
• There is no need to contact the DWP until you receive a letter about claiming Universal Credit
• If you do receive a letter saying your current benefit is ending and that you can claim Universal Credit, get advice before the deadline date
• Don't panic, get advice if in doubt about anything!

Where to get Advice:
Age UK Kensington and Chelsea
Advice services for people aged 55 years and older, including benefits advice. 0208 969 9105 Option 2 Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.00pm and 2pm-5pm, or email: information@aukc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Kensington and Chelsea
Adviceline 0808 278 7982, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Citizens Advice National Help to Claim Line 0800 144 8 444

North Kensington Law Centre
Reception: 020 8969 7473
Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
or email: info@nklc.org.uk

Nucleus Advice Centre
020 7373 4005,
Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm

ADKC can support the Health and Disability form (UC50) for Universal Credit claimants who are disabled.
We will also continue to support people with Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims and review forms

ADKC's Disability Specialist Legal Advisor can help if you need to challenge a disability benefit decision, including requesting a Mandatory Reconsideration or Appealing to a Benefit Tribunal.

ADKC's Information and Advice drop-in is on Mondays, 2-4pm at the ADKC Centre (except Bank Holidays or when I am on holiday!).

At other times, contact me on 020 8960 8888 or 0754 550 6114 for initial advice or to arrange an appointment.

Marian O'Donoghue
Information and Advice Officer

Disabled People's Question Time

Community Safety -18th July 2024, 3-5pm

Action Disability Kensington & Chelsea
and The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea will
be co-hosting The Disabled People's Question Time
– Community Safety Special.

Your chance to question a panel of local senior
decision makers, including:
Superintendent Owen Renowden from the
Metropolitan Police.

This will be a hybrid event: held both in an
accessible venue and remotely via Zoom.

**To book a place at the meeting or receive a Zoom
invite link for this event, please contact Beverley
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