

Bristol Disability Equality Forum E-Bulletin May 2018



**Bristol
Disability
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Forum**

News

New data protection laws

Dear Member

We'd like to keep in touch with you about the vital work we do with and for Deaf and Disabled people, other information we think will interest you, and how you can help and support us.

You can change your mind at any time by letter or email to:
bristoldef@gmail.com

We will never sell your data and we promise to keep you details safe and secure.

As **the law is changing** we have to have your permission to continue using the information you have given us. Our Forum Administrator will be asking you to do this shortly, so please keep an eye out for a letter from us and respond quickly. Otherwise we will not be able to contact you again.

Yours,

Gordon Richardson and Karen Passmore
(Forum Co-Chairs), on behalf of the Forum trustees

No more Council funding

BDEF are no longer funded by the Council. This means we need to find other funding to continue our work.

So, if you would like to fundraise for the Forum, or are an organisation that is committed to fully funding access needs and wants to work more effectively with Disabled people, please contact us at:

laura.bristoldef@gmail.com

Inclusion Southmead – Access For All campaign update

Inclusion Southmead, a local residents led group working with BDEF and The Care Forum, have been campaigning to urge McColl's Retail Group plc to work with the community and ensure 'access for all' to their services.

In late April, with the support of local councillors, the group held an 'Access For All Day' outside McColl's Arnside branch. Hundreds of people have also signed a petition calling for access to all of McColl's branches and Post Offices.

Since then a meeting with McColl's regional management team was arranged by Karen Passmore, a BDEF Trustee and local Disabled People Against Cuts member.

As a result of the campaign and this meeting, McColl's have made a planning application for a new entrance, and a new shop layout has been promised. The Bristol area manager has also completed a visit of all local Bristol branches, offered to work with Inclusion Southmead and plans to consult with local Disabled people in future. While we welcome these developments, we shall continue to call for Access For All!

For more information contact: mike.bristoldef@gmail.com

Sign the Petition to McColl's here:

<https://www.change.org/p/dave-mccolls-disabled-people-need-access-to-shops-and-post-offices>

Specialist Accessible Housing organisations to build homes in Bristol

Thanks to two years' work by our Co-Chair, Karen Passmore, we are pleased to tell you that an accessible housing association called Habinteg has decided it wants to build several hundred new homes to rent, in and around Bristol. They have already spoken to Bristol City Council about this, and met with us to discuss how we can work together.

We have also had discussions with Inclusive Homes, another developer of accessible housing, about working with them on a development in Knowle.

This is great news for Bristol, and will help generate some income for Bristol Disability Equality Forum. However, it won't do this anytime soon as these are early days and medium to large building projects can take years to complete. So, watch this space for more details on new accessible homes and new 'easy to adapt' homes!

Help Support BDEF with EasyFundraising

If you would like to support BDEF at no extra cost to you, you can earn donations for us while shopping online via:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bdef

All you need to do is register, and choose Bristol Disability Equality Forum as your beneficiary.

You can raise even more for BDEF when you search for your favourite websites via: **<http://bdef.easysearch.org.uk/>**

Dates for the diary...

Hidden Impairments Access Group

Tuesday 22nd May 2018

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Room LT1, St Pauls Learning Centre, BS

This meeting is open to all people who have a hidden impairment, disability or a long term health condition that affects their daily life but is "hidden". If you find it hard to identify as a Disabled person because you don't "look" Disabled, but this applies to you then please come along or get in touch.

You can register your free place by:

Emailing us at [**bristoldef@gmail.com**](mailto:bristoldef@gmail.com),

By phoning us on **0117 914 0528**,

Or book a free place online at: [**https://bit.ly/2KmvKLw**](https://bit.ly/2KmvKLw)



Sue Porter Memorial Lecture

Tuesday 29th May 2018

7:00pm – 9.00pm

Woodlands Church Building, BS8 2AA

Professor Sheila the Baroness Hollins will talk about support to live an ordinary life and the changes that we need in society, so that people with learning difficulties have the best life. She will talk about the problems of living in 'service land' and the 'Learning Disabilities Bill', as well as the issues of doing research and developing policy.

For more information and to book a FREE place, please go to: [**https://nfcdsseminar2018.eventbrite.co.uk/**](https://nfcdsseminar2018.eventbrite.co.uk/)

Celebration Day for People with Learning Disabilities

Friday 1st June 2018

11:00am – 4:00pm

Trinity Centre, BS2 ONW

Local Learning Disabilities services are hosting a special FREE event for people with learning disabilities, their families, friends and carers. It will be a fun day full of performances, art, music, poetry, workshops and information stalls.

Drop in or stay all day!

For more information and to register to get involved please email wendy.goodman@nhs.net or telephone **01275 796 420**

Do You Want to Write for This e-bulletin?

Are there changes being made where you live that you think others should know about? Do you have any news or views that other members may like to hear about? This is your e-bulletin so please get us by email, phone or post with your ideas.

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