

Bristol Disability Equality E-Bulletin June 2018



**Bristol
Disability
Equality
Forum**

Good news about funding!

As some of you will have heard, we had a scary start to the year when our partners in the bid for BCC funding (now called Voice and Influence Partnership) went behind our backs at the last minute and put in a bid without us. This meant we faced 2018-19 without any core funding.

However, the Forum doesn't give in to bad treatment that easily, as many of you who were our members in 2008-10 know! So, we have two bits of good news to share with you this month:

- a. we have got funding for two years from the People's Health Lottery to run monthly peer support groups in four areas of the city and to continue our voice and influence work; and
- b. we are applying for a contract to provide monthly disability awareness training for a national business in Bristol. We will tell you more as soon as know for sure that we have got the work.

We still need more funding to continue doing the work our members want us to but this funding will guarantee the Forum's future for the next two years.

**“Make up your mind that no matter what comes your way, no matter how difficult, no matter how unfair, you will do more than simply survive. You will thrive in spite of it.” —
*Joel Osteen***

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:

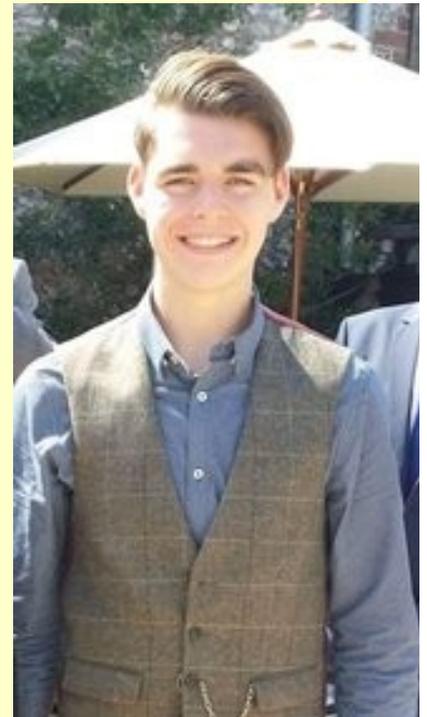
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bdef

All you need to do is register with easyfundraising and choose Bristol Disability Equality Forum as your beneficiary. Then, when you shop online through easyfundraising with one of over [3000 retailers](#), they will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to the Forum to say thank you for shopping with them. It's that easy!

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

Petition: Prevent avoidable deaths by making autism/learning disability training mandatory

Oliver was only 18 when he died in Southmead Hospital in Bristol on 11 November 2016 after being administered anti-psychotic medication. This was in spite of Oliver and his family repeatedly telling hospital staff not to give him anti-psychotic drugs due to reactions in the past and having never been diagnosed with a mental health condition. Please Help prevent avoidable deaths by asking the Government to make autism and learning disability training mandatory for healthcare professionals.



Sign the petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/221033>

Dates for the diary...

An Evening with Artists First

Thursday 28th June 2018

6:00pm - 8:00pm

The Arnolfini, BS1 4QA



Artists First are a group of Disabled artists with learning difficulties from Bristol. Starting 30 years ago, they have exhibited their artworks across the UK and internationally. Please come along to find out more, and watch some new films about Artist First.

Book your free ticket at: <https://bit.ly/2M9tzeU>

Honouring Kamil and Bijan: Exploring Disability and Migration

Friday 29th June 2018

4:30pm - 8:00pm

City Hall, BS1 5TR

We the Curious, BS1 5DB



Kahmil Ahmed and Bijan Ebrahimi, were both Disabled men who came to the UK seeking sanctuary. They were both murdered in Bristol.

Come along to the event on 29th June to honour Kamil and Bijanm learn from Disabled asylum seekers and build a broader movement.

Find out more about the event and book your free place at:

<https://bit.ly/2Jzp8xe>

Misfits Showcase

Tues 3rd July 2018

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Trinity Centre, BS2 ONW

MISFITS



The Misfits Theatre Company, Loud Word and The Original Spinners are working together to entertain you.

Come and watch their showcase!

Tickets £5

More info at: <https://bit.ly/2tr9WaC>

Hidden Impairments Access Group

Tuesday 3rd July 2018

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Room LT1, St Pauls Learning Centre, BS2 8XJ



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,

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

Or book a free place online at: <https://bit.ly/2MczgsO>