

# Bristol Disability Equality Forum

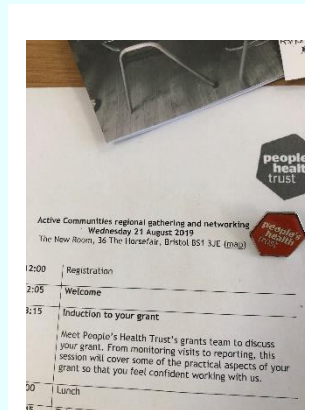
## E-Bulletin September 2019



## News

### Hello September!

The Forum has been incredibly busy this past month, and this won't be slowing down for quite some time! We've been attending many networking events put on by our Funders and been writing applications for more funding for other projects we want to begin. Watch this space, you can keep up to date with our work by following us on our social medias.



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### Trustee's Needed

We are looking for new Trustees to join the Forum!

This is an exciting time to become a Trustee as we are moving into a new phase with lots of opportunity to re-think what we do and to develop new work. While we welcome applications from all people who identify as Disabled, we are particularly keen to recruit people with an interest or experience in one (or more) of the following:

-Fundraising

-Marketing

-HR

-Book-keeping

-Recruiting new members

-Online campaigning

Our Trustees usually meet every 6-8 weeks at St Pauls Learning Centre in Bristol, but you may also need to occasionally be available to for attend other events and specific work/projects.

If you are interested in becoming a Forum Trustee we would love to hear from you!

Please contact us by email [bristoldef@gmail.com](mailto:bristoldef@gmail.com) or call the office on 0117 914 0528

### **For Sale - eMove5-LC office chair for Disabled Person**

The Forum is looking to sell an office chair which has been collecting dust for a rather long time. It is in great condition, with battery charger and instruction manual as pictured. Although the battery's may need replacing.

Weight of chair - 95kg

Chair dimensions - width 660mm x length 820mm

Height (is adjustable) between 1100mm-1410mm

£300 ONO and for collection only (From our office at St Pauls Learning Centre)



Interested? then please email [bristoldef@gmail.com](mailto:bristoldef@gmail.com) for enquiries

## Disabled and Older People Making Change Happen in Bristol

There will be some changes to our Making Change Happen project in the coming months as Mike will be leaving us shortly.

The Making Change Happen project, which Mike has worked on since it started

a year ago, was Mike's third job with us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his time and efforts and wish him well with his future endeavours.

We are considering merging the four groups into two larger groups so they can be more effective. It would be great to get some feedback from the members of these groups, and we'd really like to know what might have put you off joining one of the groups by text, email, telephone, Facebook, Instagram or tweet us. We don't have a long list of questions for you, all we need is a sentence or two about why the MCH project didn't appeal to you. To remind you, the MCH project offers you the chance to meet other Disabled people, in your part of Bristol, for a coffee/tea and chat, to share information and discuss the main disability issues in your local community – including issues that affect every community in Bristol.

Here are some of the most recent points raised at meetings in August. Plus, a quote that was created by the Lockleaze group.

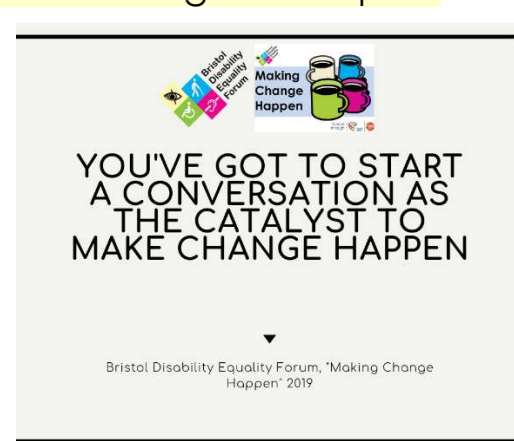
- More help for people with hidden impairments and conditions.
- We need Assertiveness Training would be beneficial for Disabled people.
- Medical Model is still referred to instead of the Social Model.
- More government support is needed for people with hidden impairments and conditions.



# Making Change Happen



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-There is a divide in disability activism: young people prefer online activism and older people prefer face to face activism. Also quite a few are reluctant to get involved because of due to previous experiences of prejudice and discrimination. We need to find a way to bring these together and create an effective means of activism which can be easily passed across all generations.

-Society needs to be better at engaging and communicating about emotions and difficult topics of conversation.

-Brain Injury legislation has been talked about for 11 years but still hasn't been passed by parliament.

### **September Dates**

Thursday 5th September at 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
The Beehive Centre, Whitehall, BS5 7AW

Monday 9th September at 11.00 am – 1.00 pm  
St Pauls Learning Centre, BS2 8XJ

Friday 20th September at 11:00am – 1:00pm The Hub, Lockleaze BS7 9FB

Friday 27th September at 10:30 – 12:30pm Gatehouse Centre Café BS13 9JN

**To find out more please get in touch:**

**Call: Tel. 0117 914 0528**

### **Western Harbour Consultation – Bristol City Council**

Bristol City Council is asking for feedback on changes to the road network in the Western Harbour area, which could create a new city quarter, including new homes, shops and green space. Please note we are asking for early feedback on initial ideas, this is not a formal consultation on options.

Three new ideas are being considered to create a simpler, less intrusive road network. These could unlock a mixture of new homes, retail and leisure development, plus high quality public open space and new walking and cycling routes. Your feedback will help the council to inform their next steps.

You can take part at - [bristol.citizenspace.com/growth-regenerati.../western-harbour/](https://bristol.citizenspace.com/growth-regenerati.../western-harbour/)

If you'd like a paper copy or to receive the information in an alternative format call 0117 352 1397 or email [transport.projects@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:transport.projects@bristol.gov.uk) Paper copies will also be available in libraries.

The Council are hosting a number of drop-ins:

Holy Trinity Church, Clifton Vale, Bristol, BS8 4ST, Wednesday 21 August, 3pm-8pm and Saturday 31 August, 10.30am-3.30pm

Underfall Yard, Cumberland Road, Bristol, BS1 6XG, Thursday 22 August, 3pm-8pm and Wednesday 28 August, 10.30am-3.30pm

The Snug in The Tobacco Factory, Raleigh Road, Bristol, BS3 1TF, Wednesday 4 September, 10.30am-3.30pm and Thursday 5 September, 3pm-8pm

Broadmead Baptist Church, 1 Whippington Court, Bristol, BS1 3HY. Tuesday 10 September, 10.30am-3.30pm and Wednesday 11 September, 3pm-8pm

**Consultation ends 15th September.**

## **Petition – Justice for Jodey Whiting Independent inquiry into deaths linked to the DWP**

This petition calls for:

1. An independent inquiry to investigate DWP failings in relation to these deaths, including whether there has been misconduct by civil servants or Ministers.
2. Any evidence of misconduct contributing to serious harm or deaths to be turned over to the police.
3. Recognition that DWP is institutionally disablist and not fit for purpose.
4. DWP to urgently change its policies and administration of social security benefits to make the safety of all claimants a priority.

Sign the petition [here](#).

## **Research opportunity for Disabled Women and Non Binary people who have experienced Harrassment and Sexual Assault.**

There is a new, and much needed research project that would greatly benefit from your Disabled Women and Non Binary People.

"I'm a visually impaired activist and I'm currently undertaking a research project into Disabled women & Disabled non-binary people's experiences of non-consensual (unwanted) touching, harassment, hate crimes and sexual assaults.

We are inviting Disabled women & non-binary people to share their experiences through our website, as there is currently very little research into this issue."

The student is working with, a criminal studies expert, and wants to collect as many stories as possible to help research and raise awareness of this issue. The identity of anyone sharing information about their experiences of such abusers will be kept anonymous and can be as long or short as you want. They are aware this is also an issue experienced by men, but as Disabled women are twice as likely to experience sexual assault and there is limited research into this issue, they want to start with women's experiences and then hopefully get further funding for future projects.

If you have a contribution to make, please visit the website  <https://privateplacespublicspaces.blog/>

## **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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