

Forum Founder Dies

It is with great sadness that we let you know Elisabeth Standen died in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Elisabeth not only set up the Forum she also led it to become a charity when it left the Council.

But this was just a small part of her activism and creativity. Among many other things, Elisabeth:

- was Bristol's first Access Officer,
- responsible for many council buildings being made accessible,
- set up the first ever PA training course based on the social model and a human rights perspective,
- set up several disability organisations/websites e.g. a national social network and a Disabled Gardeners' website,
- was an award-winning gardener,
- a published poet,
- a musician, and
- was getting her novel ready to go out to literary agents.



Her activism has made a huge contribution to disability equality in Bristol, and further afield.

There are very many people grieving this week.

[For those who don't have access to alternative text, the photo used in this article is of Elisabeth in the front part of a march against the welfare reforms

of 2010 and the few years following that.]