

DENW bulletin

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NEW SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF HATE CRIME

Lancashire Victim's Services

DENW would like to welcome Lynda Myles, the newly appointed Hate Crime Case Worker as part of the new victim's services delivered by Victim Support and funded by Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner Office. The hate crime element of the new services will be provided under a partnership agreement between DENW, Renaissance and The Lancashire Council of Mosques. DENW will take a lead on all aspects of disability hate crime and work closely with the other partners to support victims and raise awareness of disability hate crime across Lancashire. This is an excellent opportunity for DENW to work in partnership with other specialist services and make a real difference to victims.



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VICTIM
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DENW NEWS

Staff News

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Laura Geraghty and to thank her for her sterling work establishing the DfN Hate Crime Project. Laura will be spending time with her son Teddy (Edward) which means Jennifer Carthy is now permanently co-ordinating the project. Good luck Laura and stay in touch!

From farewell to welcome as we are delighted to announce a new addition to the DENW 'family' and welcome baby Gabriel. Many congratulations to Hayley, Glenn and big brother Jude! Also a warm welcome to our new Managed Accounts administrator Lesley Hitchman who has recently joined us.

Managed Accounts

If you have had a social care assessment and are in receipt of Direct Payments as part of a personal budget, and the thought of dealing with all the paperwork puts you off, then a managed account could be for YOU!

DENW has experienced staff, who will support you to manage your budget, holding your funds in a dedicated account, ensuring that Personal Assistant's' wages, agency invoices, insurance policies, tax and NI are all paid on time.

You still make the choice of who provides your care, but we take away the stress of managing the finances on a day to day basis.

If you want to chat to one of the team, please ring 01772 250300 and we will be happy to answer any questions, and offer advice on how to get the account set up!

DENW Donations

We always appreciate the donations of cash and in kind from our many DENW supporters out there and we are constantly amazed by the generosity of others. We are always on the look-out for practical help such as DIY, decorating, gardening and the tools needed to do it!

Information and Advice Services

Welfare benefits have been changing for a while with forms, assessments and appeals etc. If you are concerned about changes please pop in to see an advisor.

Opening times are Monday 9.30am - 3.00pm and Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm

No appointment necessary but you may have to wait!



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Lancashire Centre for Independent Living (LILS) Update

The LILS team is approaching their first anniversary at DENW this month and have been extremely busy. The team has assisted over 2,000 people to manage their direct payment and organise their own social care budget. This is a huge positive in our first year of delivering this L.C.C. service. If you want to know more about whether a social care budget is something you could use, please contact lils@disability-equality.org.uk

DENW Coming of Age!

DENW reaches a milestone birthday this year of 21 years old. We would love to hear your ideas about how we could celebrate in style and of course we would welcome any practical offers of help and support.

This milestone also marks a review of our strategic plan and future priorities. Please contact Melanie Close, Chief Executive if you would like to contribute to this vital piece of work contact melanie@disability-equality.org.uk

SPEAK OUT



DEVELOPING from the NEGATIVES

Disability Hate Crime Project Update

Taxi Campaign

Look out for our new hate crime awareness campaign. Stickers will be appearing on the tip up seats in all of Preston's Black Cabs. Thanks go to Preston City Council Licencing and the RMT union taxi drivers' Preston branch for their support and co-operation.



Allotment

DENW is celebrating having their very own allotment. The allotment is open to all members, DfN clients, volunteers and staff (by arrangement) and will be a fantastic way to get fit and healthy with the added bonus of fresh fruit and vegetables to reward the hard work!



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Street Team

The new volunteer Street Team is up and running and has joined forces with Global Amigos to run a series of hate crime awareness events www.globalamigos.org.uk



Flag Market Events:

We have scheduled a series of 'mini' hate crime awareness events over the coming months. We engaged with over 200 people at our first event and were filmed by 'That's Lancashire' TV (not as yet been shown on air).

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Welcome to our new volunteers

We would like to give a warm welcome the following new volunteers – Ar-Raya Malik (Event Volunteer) and Nicky Panchal (Reception Volunteer)

Peter Barnes wants to share his story.....

Peter Barnes is a long-standing volunteer receptionist for DENW and an avid Preston North End supporter. We were keen to hear about his DENW volunteering experience

Peter, How long have you been volunteering at DENW?

"I've been coming here for a long time, I was here when it was called Preston DISC"

What do you enjoy about volunteering?

"Helping people and making new friends. DENW is fantastic...we could do with a bigger building with more rooms so we can see more people who come to us for help"

We've heard that you run an activity club for disabled people. Could you tell us about it?

"It's called 'The Mysteries Social Club'. It started when I was bored one day, so I asked a friend if he wanted to go bowling. We decided we may as well invite a few other people, and it all grew from there. Anybody can join us. We go out for pub meals and do other things. We are open to new ideas. If you are interested ring me on 07887853956.

Thank you Peter for your on-going support!

DATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Street collections: Friday 12th May and Friday 16th June in Preston Town Centre. Please contact steven@disability-equality.org.uk if you want to take part

Volunteer Celebration Week: We are planning a fun event on Wednesday 7th June to show our appreciation of our hard-working volunteers. Please keep this date free!

Volunteer Link: meeting 31st May 1pm – 3pm and on the last Wednesday of each month

New volunteer induction training: 10am – 3pm on 3rd May at DENW. New volunteers will learn all about DENW, our expectations of volunteers and what you can expect from us.

Please contact Mike Holt with any enquiries about volunteering
mike@disability-equality.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The DfN team facilitate a range of activities and peer support sessions for hate crime victims and provide opportunities for them and DENW supporters to get involved in our events and awareness sessions. Please see below and come and join us – bring a friend too!

Date	Event	Time
Friday 5 th May	Allotment session at Serpentine 1, Blackpool/Garstang Road just off Moor Park	1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday 9 th May	Outreach session at Disability Equality NW (outside)	10 - 2pm
Friday 12 th May	Allotment session at Serpentine 1, Blackpool/Garstang Road just off Moor Park	1.30 – 3.30pm
Tuesday 16 th May	Drop-in session (refreshments available) at Disability Equality NW	1 - 3pm
Friday 19 th May	Allotment session at Serpentine 1, Blackpool/Garstang Road just off Moor Park	1.30 – 3.30pm
Sunday 21 st May	Preston Muslim Forum Event at the Hamaara Centre, Castleton Road, Preston PR1 6QH	11 - 6pm

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Wednesday 25th May	DENW and DfN info stall at Preston Indoor Market (stall 71)	1pm-3pm
Friday 2nd June	Mini Hate Crime Awareness event on the Flag market (Election Special)	10.30 - 2.30pm
Monday 19th June	Learning Disability Week Launch event – venue to be confirmed	11 – 3pm
Tuesday 20th June	LD Week - Sue Amber Safe Dating Training at Plungington Community Centre	TBC
Tuesday 20th June	LD Week - Drop-in session (refreshments available) at Disability Equality NW	9.30 - 11.30am
Wednesday 21st June	LD Week - Partnership Board meeting at County hall	10 – 1pm
Thursday 22nd June	LD Week - Caritas Care Coffee Morning at Plungington Community Centre	10 - 12pm
Friday 23rd June	LD Week - NHS health day at Chorley	All day
Friday 23rd June	LD Week - Film event	TBC

For more information on any of these events or if you have any access needs please contact the DfN team on 01772 558863 (option 2) or email developingfromnegatives@disability-equality.org.uk