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## Introducing Dorota...

For those of you who do not know me, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Dorota and I am taking on the role of Finance Officer at ADKC.

This year I completed a six months' accountancy course. After the retirement of the mighty, irreplaceable Eric, I am going to try and fill at least part of his shoes to my best ability and with every effort.

My involvement with the organisation goes back to 1999, when the previous



CEO, Menghi, introduced alternative therapies, like massage, reflexology amongst others, to the ADKC Centre. I will still be working as a therapist on my usual days, Wednesdays in the afternoon and all day on Fridays.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the front desk of the office.

**Dorota Zielinska**  
*Finance Officer*

## A final word from Eric...

Many thanks to all those members who sent good wishes and gifts on my retirement from ADKC.

It really was appreciated and the memories of working with so many members is something I will cherish for the rest of my life.

**Eric Dilley**



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## Jamie Renton



I hope you're all having a good summer. Here at ADKC we've been working as hard as ever to get the voice of local disabled people heard around the borough.

In this issue you'll find pictures from our Kensington and Chelsea Disabled People's Question Time event, when our local MP, a councillor, a Head of Service from RBKC Adult Social Care and a rep from the DWP answered your questions. Look out for more on this. We want to follow-up with the panel, holding them to the promises they made at the meeting. We also hope to hold more Question Time events in the future.

Our campaigning Access and Positive Rights Action Groups go from strength to strength. Amongst the

campaigns they're currently undertaking are increased free parking for the disabled bays outside Kensington Town Hall, longer crossing times at local traffic lights and more benches around the borough (so that people with mobility impairments have got somewhere to rest). If you're interested in finding out more about any of these, please contact me here at ADKC.

The next issue should be with you in November.

**Jamie Renton**  
Chief Executive

## Regular Events

### ADKC Disability Connect and Information & Advice Projects Drop-ins:

At the World's End Neighbourhood Advice Centre, World's End Estate, London SW10 0HE (off the Kings Road) on the last Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays). The two projects alternate each month. Contact Simone or Marian for more info.

### ADKC Wheelchair Hire

Short term loans at reasonable prices. £5 per day or £25 for a whole week (7 days).

**ADKC Photo Service:** Only £3 for four passport-size photos.

### Internet Café:

Every Friday at ADKC Centre 10am-1pm FREE  
Come meet other ADKC members and surf the net

### Massage and Reflexology:

At the ADKC Centre on Wednesday and Friday £20/£15 Unwaged.  
Please note that if you fail to turn up to your appointment or cancel it 48 hours or less before the time it is due, you will be liable for the full cost of the appointment.  
*Please contact Eric at ADKC for prices and to book a session.*

**Please contact ADKC on 020 8960 8888 for more info on any of these activities.**

# Disabled People's Question Time:

## ADKC Members Question Politicians and Decision Makers on a range of issues

A panel of local politicians and decision makers faced questions from local disabled people at a recent event organised by ADKC, the Disabled People's Question Time held at Latymer Community Church on 14th July 2016.

The panel included Victoria Borwick, MP for Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Linda Wade, Marcia Richards, Kensington and Chelsea's Head of Service, Care and Assessment and Geoff Taylor-Meade, the DWP's Partner Support Manager in charge of disseminating information about Welfare Reform through local organisations.

### Questions put to the panel included topics such as:

- why is there not a person-centred approach in the borough towards direct payments for social care, and why people are not given a copy of their care plans
- the lack of benches throughout Kensington and Chelsea for people with mobility impairments to sit and rest
- whether the current programme of Welfare Reform and cuts will be reviewed given the change of government
- the lack of support for Blue and Purple badge users to challenge parking penalties, and
- why can't people with mental health problems be given the support to be looked after with their family?

Members of the panel promised to get back to ADKC's Positive Rights Action Group (PRAG) and Access Group on some of the questions and issues raised.



**Contact ADKC on 020 8960 8888 to find out more about ADKC's user-led campaign groups.**



## ADKC Drop-ins at World's End, Chelsea...

ADKC Information & Advice and Disability Connect projects have regular drop-ins south of the borough at **World's End Neighbourhood Advice Centre, World's End Estate, London SW10 0HE (off the Kings Road).**

The drop-ins are held on the last Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) and the two projects alternate each month.

The next drop-in will be the Disability Connect project

and will take place on Monday 26 September and the Information & Advice project will take place the last Monday of October. The time is 10.30am to 1pm and the aim is for disabled people south of the borough to be able to have access to ADKC and meet with Marian or Simone to either get information and advice on any disability-related issues or to find out more about the Disability Connect project, which aims to work with

socially isolated disabled, between the ages of 18 to 49, to get out and about doing activities to improve health and well-being.

Please contact Marian or Simone on 020 8960 8888 for more information or to confirm drop-in dates.

**Simone Galloway**  
Disability Connect  
Co-ordinator



# Police Drop-ins at the ADKC Centre

*Worried about crime?*

*Have you or someone you know been affected by hate crime?*

*Would you like to discuss this with a police Officer?*

Local Police Officers and Crime Prevention Officers hold regular drop-ins around the Borough, and also at the ADKC Centre.

**The next Police Drop-ins at ADKC are:**

**Friday 12th August**  
12.00 midday to 1pm

**Monday 12th September**  
12.00 midday to 1pm

At:  
The ADKC Centre  
Silchester Road  
London  
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No appointment necessary



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