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Personal Independence Payment

The Government has replaced Disability Living Allowance (DLA) with a new benefit for people with long-term care and mobility needs, Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Since April 2013, the DWP have been gradually writing to all existing DLA claimants aged 16-65 to say their DLA is ending and they should claim PIP.

If you were a DLA claimant aged 65 BEFORE 8 April 2013, you do not need to claim PIP.

If you were receiving DLA and aged 65 on or AFTER 8 April 2013, the DWP will eventually write to you to say your DLA is ending. You need to contact the number given in the letter to start a PIP claim.

We have included an Information Sheet on PIP with this issue of Newsflash.

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Welcome to the first Newsflash of 2016.

In this issue you'll find pictures from the AGM and Celebration of the International Day of Disabled People held at the end of last year. Along with a photo taken the next day, showing me suited and booted (a rarity, I can assure you), ready to give a talk on access and employment for disabled people at the World Bank (the things I end up doing in this job!) By the end of all of that, we certainly needed our festive break.

Now, suitably rested, we're back and making plans for this New Year. If all goes well, you can expect to read about new projects, groups and activities in future issues of Newsflash.

The next issue should be with you by April.

Jamie Renton
Chief Executive



**ADKC Chief Executive
Jamie Renton ready to
meet The World Bank**

Hate Crime Awareness Fair



Hate Crime is an offence that specifically targets a victim because of the person they are perceived to be. This could be because of: disability, race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, faith, religion or belief. This can be frightening and can occur in many forms, such as verbal or physical threats.

Victim Support will be holding a:
'Hate Crime Awareness Fair'
Kensington Town Hall
on 15th March 2016
11am to 3pm
to raise awareness and promote community inclusion. Come along to meet the organisations involved and to find out more.

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ADKC'S Annual General Meeting 2016

ADKC's Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday, 3rd December 2015 at The Latymer Community Church.

The meeting was well attended by ADKC members and other local disabled people. Guests included local MP Lady Victoria Borwick, Cllr Pat Mason, Cllr Judith Blakeman and representatives from other local community organisations.

Margaret Donnelly, Chair of ADKC's Executive Committee, thanked Committee members who often work behind the scenes without too much recognition, and volunteers who do so much work in and around the ADKC office.

Jamie Renton, ADKC's Chief Executive, said that despite another challenging year ADKC has continued to grow in strength and drew attention to his report in the Annual Report.

Jamie thanked other organisations that provided support, the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation and the Cranfield Trust. Jamie said that ADKC had undertaken partnership work during the past year with Kensington and Chelsea Social Council, the Octavia Foundation, Action on Disability and St Mary Abbots Centre for Rehabilitation and Training (SMART).

Extra income was generated by sub-letting some internal



space to other organisation, and long-term room hire to other local organisations, and a donation from a charity via the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation enabled.

Jamie also thanked ADKC members and Executive Committee for their continued support.

Guest speaker at the AGM was local MP Lady Victoria Borwick, who said that she has had a longstanding relationship with ADKC and as the parent of a disabled

child, supports ADKC's working to ensure that local disabled people can live safe and fulfilling lives and be active citizens.

Jamie invited ADKC members and guests to stay for refreshments after the meeting and reminded those attending of forthcoming events at the ADKC Centre, including a Mulled Wine and Mince Pies social for members, and Patient Representative Training, hosted at the ADKC Centre before Christmas.

ADKC Drop-in at Worlds End, Chelsea



**Last Monday of every month
10.30am-1pm**

**At Worlds End Neighbourhood Advice Centre
2 World's End Place,
World's End Estate,
London SW10 0HE**

Come and find out what we do, become a member, join one of our user-led groups, get a free Newsletter, find out what's on at the ADKC Centre.... and MORE!!

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