

# NEWSflash

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The Voice of Disabled People in Kensington & Chelsea



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Season's Greetings  
from all of us  
to all of you!



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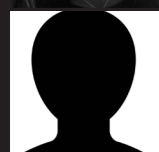
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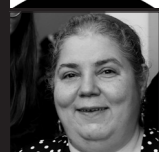
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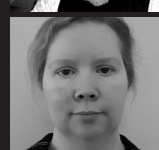
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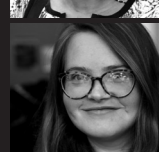
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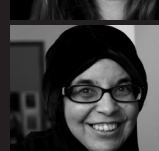
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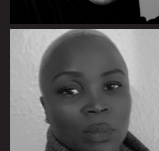
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## Editor's word

Jamie Renton



Welcome to the annual festive issue of Newsflash. Our last issue for this year.

Our centre and all of our services will be closed from 12 pm on Friday 20th December until 9.30 on Thursday 2nd January 2025. However, with this issue of Newsflash, you should find a list of emergency contact details where you can get support while we're closed.

All of us here at ADKC are looking forward to a well-earned break at the end of another very busy year, before returning refreshed and ready for action at the beginning of 2025. As ever I want to thank our staff team, our Executive

Committee, our volunteers and above all else you, our members for your continued support.

Whatever you're celebrating in this festive season, I hope you enjoy it and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

The next issue of Newsflash should be with you in February.

Jamie Renton  
Chief Executive

## Age UK – Pension Credit

Age UK Kensington and Chelsea have some extra resources to help people who have lost the Winter Fuel Payment this year due to government changes to the qualifying rules and may be eligible for Pension Credit. Those who have reached state pension age now need to be on a low income benefit such as Pension Credit in order to access the payment.

Tasio Cabello from Age UK advises that, if you apply before 21st December this year, people receiving

Pension Credit may be able to get the payment for this year, but even if you miss the deadline and apply after the 21st, you will be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment for the following years.

Contact Age UK's Information and Advice team on 020 8969 9105 or [info@aukc.org.uk](mailto:info@aukc.org.uk) for more information or to book an appointment.

## Have you received a Universal Credit Migration letter?

People who receive Tax Credits (Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and some people on Employment and Support Allowance only are receiving "migration letters" from the DWP. You will have three months to apply for Universal Credit after you receive this letter.

It is very important to claim Universal Credit before the deadline date given in your migration notice. You could lose your entitlement to what the DWP calls "legacy

benefits" protection if you miss the deadline and your current benefit, ESA or Tax Credits, will end. If you claim on time, you will receive a transitional payment before your first Universal Credit payment.

For more information, contact Marian at ADKC on **t** 020 8960 8888 **m** 0754 550 6114 **e** [information@adkc.org.uk](mailto:information@adkc.org.uk)

## NEW Police Drop-In at ADKC.

Are you worried about crime? Have you been affected by hate crime?

Would you like to talk to a police Officer in confidence?

Starting next year, a local officer from the Metropolitan Police will be available to talk to you at our centre.

**Drop-ins will take place from 1pm–3pm on the following dates:**

Monday January 6th 2025  
Monday February 3rd 2025  
Monday March 10th 2025  
Monday April 7th 2025  
Monday May 19th 2025

**No appointment necessary**

## ADKC Open Day In pictures

ADKC's AGM, which took place at Maxilla Social Club on Tuesday 3rd December, was well attended by ADKC members, invited guests from other local statutory and community services and staff and volunteers. Personal Development Group members, Jean Davis and John Condon, gave personal accounts of the activities of the group and how they and others have benefitted from the group. Jamie thanked Group Coordinator Glenda Joseph for her hard work facilitating the group.



# ADKC Christmas and New Year closing:

ADKC will be closed from  
12 midday on Friday 20th December.

Our offices and all our services  
will open again at  
9.30am on Thursday 2nd January 2025.



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