

## **Newham Disability Equality Scheme – Involvement and participation VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Attached is a short questionnaire for community organisations in Newham. **Action and Rights of Disabled People in Newham** is helping the Council to consult disabled people in the borough on its Disability Equality Scheme. This is an action plan that sets out what the Council and its partners will do to promote equality for disabled people over the next 3 years, and to prevent discrimination. Partners might include the police, the health services, employment services, or local community organisations.

The Council has a legal duty under the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 to put the Equality Scheme into practice in **partnership** with disabled people and their organisations. Action and Rights is consulting organisations run by disabled people, and those that work with disabled people, about what they think are the best ways for the Council to continue to involve disabled people in planning and monitoring services.

We are sorry for the short notice. We are sending out a short questionnaire (attached) to community organisations. **Please return the completed questionnaire to us by post or e-mail by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to:**

Disability Equality Scheme  
Action and Rights of Disabled People in Newham  
c/o Community Links, 105 Barking Road, London E16 4HQ  
Or e-mail it back to Ruth Bashall [rbtc@ntlworld.com](mailto:rbtc@ntlworld.com) or to [actionandrights@btconnect.com](mailto:actionandrights@btconnect.com)

**Any questions?** Ring 020 7473 9655, or text 07931 789228

Many thanks for your time

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On behalf of Action and Rights of Disabled People in Newham

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**Q1. As an organisation run by or working with disabled people in Newham, what are your views on how Newham Council has involved disabled people or consulted with them in the past year?**

Excellent	Good	Poor	Extremely Poor	Have not been consulted
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**Your comments**

**Q2. Please give us one example of involvement in Newham that has worked well - where you think the Council or another public body has done a good job of involving disabled people, and it has made a difference.**

**Q3. How are you involved at the moment?**

*Please tick and add any other ways your organisation or your members are involved in having a say over council services*

We respond to questionnaires	
We send representatives to consultation meetings	
We are members of a partnership board	
Please say which one _____	
We are involved in community forums	

**Q4. What barriers does your organisation face to being more involved?** *Please tick the 3 answers that apply most to your organisation and add your own comments*

We don't have enough staff	
We don't get enough notice of consultations	
We get enough notice but there are just too many requests for our comments	
We don't believe consultation will make a difference	
We are involved, but we are not sure it makes any difference	

**Q5. What do you think are the best ways for the Council and its partners to involve disabled people in making decisions about services and about their communities?**

*Please tick the 3 most important and add your own comments below.*

Partnership boards	
Phone, text and e-mail surveys of individual users	
Video cube so people can have their say on video	
Borough-wide Deaf and Disability Forum	
Encouraging disabled people to get involved in existing Community Forums	
Encouraging young disabled people to get involved in the Newham Youth Parliament	
Consult with organisations of (run by) disabled people	
Consult with community organisations that work with disabled people	
Small groups to talk to disabled service users (and staff)	
Working groups on specific disability related issues Please say which issues:	
Cultural events for Deaf and Disabled people (for example events like Deaf Mela, Proud to be Disabled, Young People’s Sports events)	

**Your comments or ideas for involving disabled people**

**Q6. How would your organisation want to be involved in working in partnership with the Council to put the Disability Equality scheme into practice?**

**Q7. Anything else you would like to add about Newham's Council's Disability Equality Action Scheme?**

## **ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION**

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**Name of organisation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Person filling in this questionnaire:** \_\_\_\_\_

- We are an organisation of disabled people\* (run and controlled by disabled people)
- We provide services to disabled people only
- We provide services for a specific group of disabled people (*please give details*) \_\_\_\_\_
- We provide services to disabled and non disabled people

\*Disabled people includes people with physical or sensory impairments, people with learning difficulties or mental health service users, Deaf sign language users, and people with long term health conditions.

### **Do you work with specific communities in Newham?**

Yes/ no. If yes, please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

### **The age group you work with:**

- Under 16     16- 25     26- 60     60+

### **The area you work in:**

- Newham only                       East London  
 London wide/National

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***If you would like Action and Rights and Newham Council to keep in touch about the Disability Equality Scheme, please fill in the slip below and send it back to Action and Rights.***

Organisation:

Contact name:

Phone/text/minicom:

e-mail:

Address:

- Our organisation would like to be on Action and Rights' mailing list
- Our organisation would like to be on the Council's mailing list for the Disability Equality Scheme