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**Newham Co-Production Forum (Adults)**

**Group membership**

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| **Group Name** | **Group Lead contact** | **Contact details** |  |
| Greenhill Cumberland Group | Angus McKenzie-Davie  Chair  Julian Geoghegan  Deputy Chair | [angus.davie@gmail.com](mailto:angus.davie@gmail.com)  [geoghegan.julian@gmail.com](mailto:geoghegan.julian@gmail.com)  Due to Covid-19 restrictions meeting are currently suspended. | The aims of the Group shall be:  •to encourage and provide access for disabled people in Newham to engage in stimulating creative, social, leisure, educational and health-promoting activities;  •to work with LBN and other relevant bodies in helping disabled people in Newham and beyond who might become isolated to enjoy creative activity and to encourage people to develop skills so that they can engage in Co-Production to develop local (and national) legislation;  •to encourage the sharing and development of talents of disabled people, to learn new skills and provide training for members; and  to seek funding for their activities in order that the group and its members can be sustained collectively and individually, helping to build resilience within the disabled community. |
| Newham Disability Reps Forum | Christine Dolyak  Co-chair  Sarifa Patel Co-Chair | [christine@guidemail.co.uk](mailto:christine@guidemail.co.uk)  Emails in Plain Text format please  [sarifa.patel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarifa.patel@hotmail.co.uk)  Meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, normally at The Froud Centre, Manor Park E12 but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom. | 1. The group was set up to create an organisation run by and for disabled people and their allies.  2. To represent and to provide a voice for disabled people in Newham, whatever community/impairment group(s) they belong to and whatever their background situation.  3. To ensure that disabled people of all ages in Newham receive their statutory rights and services.  4. To ensure that disabled people of all ages in Newham have choice and control over their lives and the services they need to support independent living.  5. To ensure that disabled people of all ages in Newham receive services which are personalised for and appropriate to their individual needs.  6. To create a Centre for Independent Living (CIL) in Newham.  7. To create a representative body to ensure that disabled people of all ages in Newham have their interests and concerns met by public and private service providers.  8. To campaign for the full human rights of all disabled people as stated in the UN Convention of The Rights of Disabled People.  9. To campaign against the social, attitudinal and environmental barriers which prevent disabled people of all ages from participating in society on a full and equal basis.  10. To carry out all activities in accordance with the social model of disability. |
| The Powerhouse for Women | Tae Catford  Co-ordinator  Sarah Ruiz  Chair | [info@thepowerhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@thepowerhouse.org.uk)  Meetings are currently suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions. | The Powerhouse For Women (The Powerhouse) was established in 1985 to provide a place of safety and independent living support for women with learning disabilities, particularly those who had experienced abuse, sexual, financial and neglect. The current organization emerged from the successful work to establish the Beverley Lewis House for women with learning disabilities, which still exists today.  For over a decade Powerhouse has continued to co-produce a range of services for women with learning disabilities, particularly those with low to moderate needs, to live their lives in the ways that they choose. Powerhouse provides a range of activities that support independence, enables peer support and strengthens the voice of women with learning disabilities in the development of services.  The groups meets at St. Luke's Community Centre, 85 Tarling Road, E16 1HN.  The group are now part of the revised LD PAG process. |
| Newham People First Group | Neil Johnston  Chair | Yasmin Shamsoo  Facilitator  [yasmin@newhampeoplefirst.org.uk](mailto:yasmin@newhampeoplefirst.org.uk) | The aims of the organisation are to:  a) Support people with learning difficulties in Newham to understand about self-advocacy and other things to do with self-advocacy  b) To raise awareness amongst the general public about the needs of people with learning difficulties  c) To carry out or support research to look into the needs of people with learning difficulties and to share what is found out.  The group are now part of the revised LD PAG process.  Currently we are contacting the group on at least a weekly basis, including visits, to ensure that they feel supported. |
| Autism Support Group | Joel Le Tort  Co-Chair  Theresa Nwaogu  Co-Production  rep | [jletort@hotmail.com](mailto:jletort@hotmail.com)  [tessy.golden@live.co.uk](mailto:tessy.golden@live.co.uk)  Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom.  Group facilitator is Honey Sarfo [Latifat.sarfo@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Latifat.sarfo@newham.gov.uk) | The purpose of the Autism Support Group is to:   * Share experiences of the group members, service users , their families and carers * Offer Peer Support and Self Advocacy |
| Older Peoples Reference Group | Violet White  Chair  Sophie Ibotson  Co-ordinator | Emails via  [sophie.ibotson@ageukeastlondon.org.uk](mailto:sophie.ibotson@ageukeastlondon.org.uk)  ACH_OPRGlogoFINAL2  Meetings take place 9 times per year but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom. | The aim of the Newham Older People’s Reference Group (OPRG) is to ensure that the quality of life of the Borough’s older folk is in the forefront of any policy making.  This is open to all interested residents aged 50 and over regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation and disability. We do our best to encompass the needs of disabled members so that attending regular meetings and other activities is as easy as is possible.  Membership is on a voluntary basis. Any member already involved in other groups and where there is a shared agenda, is encouraged to act as a go-between so that information, ideas and decisions can be usefully exchanged and disseminated.  The group meets 10 times per year at various centres throughout Newham. |
| Senior Learning Disability Group | Prabhudas Tanna  Co-Chair  Remi Osunsanya  Co-Chair | [prabhudastanna@gmail.com](mailto:prabhudastanna@gmail.com)  [sanyaosun2@yahoo.com](mailto:sanyaosun2@yahoo.com) | The Senior LD Group represents the views of adults who care for adults with Learning Disabilities. The group meets monthly, normally at The Jack Cornwell Community Centre, Jack Cornwell St, London E12 5NN but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom. |
| ASK - User-led Mental Health Group | Sandra Amoah  Chair | [Asksandra.amoah@gmail.com](mailto:Asksandra.amoah@gmail.com)    **User-led mental health group** | ASK aims to be a membership organisation which provides information and support services to customers (18+) and their Carers, who are users, or potential users, of mental health services primarily in Newham. ASK normally run a monthly Forum which runs on the second Thursday of each month in The Hopkins Room, Stratford Library, E15 but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom. .  ASK produces a monthly calendar of activities which is widely distributed in the borough. |
| Newham Parents Forum | Yamu Njie  Chair | [yamoundownjie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:yamoundownjie@yahoo.co.uk)  http://www.sarahbonnellonline.co.uk/_site/data/images/news/76/main-logo.png  [info@newhamparentforum.co.uk](mailto:info@newhamparentforum.co.uk) | Newham Parent Forum is a group that consists of parents and carers of children and young people with a range of disabilities in Newham, East London.  They meet on a regular basis with the aim of improving the services and support for children and young people with additional needs by raising awareness of unmet needs and by being a collective voice, but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom.  They do this by working in partnership with policy makers and practitioners in the local authority, sharing experience, knowledge and skills to ensure that all children with additional needs are fully included in society and have access to the support and facilities necessary to sustain their wellbeing and that of their families.  It is really important that they can represent the views and needs of as many parents and carers as possible, and to do that they need lots of parents to join them. So, if you would like to attend one of their meetings then just email: [newhamforum@gmail.com](mailto:newhamforum@gmail.com) |
| Carers Community Mental Health Group | Zhenreenah Muhxinga    Chair | [authbabs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:authbabs@yahoo.co.uk) | This Is a membership organisation which provides support, information and shared experiences to carers, loved ones and potential service users of mental health services mainly within Newham. Meetings take place monthly but due to Covid-19 restrictions meetings are now on Zoom. |

**Additional group members and stakeholders of the Newham Co-Production Forum (Adults)**

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