

Learning Disability Resident Co-Chairs Role Description



We need two resident Co-Chairs.

A Chair is someone who is in charge of a meeting. A Co-Chair shares this job.



The meetings are being held to help deliver the Adult Learning Disability Action Plan (2022-25)



Why become a Co-Chair?

You can:

- Gain experiences and skills from chairing;
- Shape and improve services
- Help make Newham a place where residents with Learning Disabilities are empowered and supported;
- You will be an 'Expert by Experience' for Newham.

Learning Disability
Resident Advisory
Group
Co-Chair

We want two Co-Chairs.

- 1. A Co-Chair of the Resident Advisory Group
- 2. A Co-Chair of the Action Plan Delivery Board

Learning Disability
Action Plan Delivery
Board
Co-Chair

There needs to be different people in each role.





Who can be a Co-Chair?

You must be:

- A Newham Resident:
- Over 18 years old;
- Have a Learning Disability diagnosis;
- Be a member of the Resident Advisory Group;



How long will I be a Co-Chair?

• 12 months



Co-Chairs must:

Be good at speaking to others



Be good at listening to others



- Before meetings take place you will need to read or be supported to read minutes and other reports
- Attend the Resident Advisory Group and the Delivery Board. These each take place 4 times a year.
- You may need to attend other meetings. You will receive Reward and Recognition for these.



- Treat all members with respect and dignity
- Be on time for meetings
- Treat people fairly
- Work positively to make change.



private information	 Follow the rules of the meetings and Terms of Reference Follow confidentiality rules / guidelines
	You do not: • Need experience



Co-Chair Role 1 – Resident Advisory Group

Learning Disability Resident Advisory Group





What does the Advisory Group Co-Chair do?

 Work with Newham Officers to run the Resident Advisory Group.

This can include:

- Attend a pre-meeting to plan the meetings
- Welcoming people to the meeting
- Helping to make sure the meetings follow the Agenda and keep to time
- Leading discussions
- Listening to other residents with Learning Disabilities
- Speak up for yourself and others
- Helping to make sure that all information is easy to understand
- Attend the Delivery Board to tell others about what happened at the Resident Advisory Group. You will be called a Resident Representative in this meeting.



What support can I have?

- You can have support from Connections to do this role.
- You and the Council Co-Chair will support each other.
 You will prepare for meetings ahead of time.
- You will get support to go through the Adult Learning Disability Action Plan and the outcomes in it.
- Have support to remember what was said in one meeting to share at the other meetings.



Co-Chair Role 2 – Action Plan Delivery Board

Learning Disability Delivery Board





What does the Delivery Board Co-Chair do?

- Work with Newham Officers to run the Delivery Board.
 This can include:
 - Attend a pre-meeting to plan the meetings
 - Welcoming people to the meeting
 - Helping to make sure the meetings follow the Agenda and keep to time
 - Leading discussions
 - Listening to other members of the Delivery Board
 - Speak up for yourself and others
 - Helping to make sure that all information is easy to understand
- Attend the Resident Advisory Group to share what was discussed at the Delivery Board





- You can have support from Connections to do this role.
- You and the Council Co-Chair will support each other.
 You will prepare for meetings ahead of time.
- You will get support to go through the Adult Learning Disability Action Plan and the outcomes in it.
- Have support to remember what was said in one meeting to share at the other meetings.





Are Co-Chairs paid?

Yes. You can claim the Council's Reward and Recognition payments.

- You will receive the London Living Wage
- The London Living Wage is currently £11.95 an hour
- There is advice about reporting Reward and Recognition if you are claiming different types of benefits
- There is a Reward and Recognition Policy if you want to read more.