






Learning Disability Resident Advisory Group Minutes

Tuesday 24 June 2025

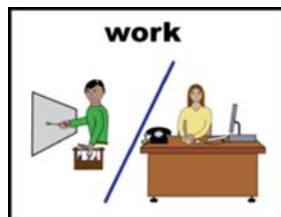
	<p><u>People at the meeting:</u></p> <p>Residents Awa Jagne (Co-chair) Neil Johnston (Delivery Board Co-Chair) Roger Abaho Nathan Paul Summibare Osunsanya Ola Roger</p> <p>Professionals/ paid staff Melissa McAuliffe (Co-Chair, LB Newham) Trish Moody (Voiceability) Audrey Ifebem-Ezimo (Carer) Janet James Daniel Nichols (Adults' Commissioning, LB Newham) Jennifer Kumi (Comms, LB Newham) Maysie Brown (Our Newham and Skills, LB Newham)</p>
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		What we talked about and Actions
1	<div data-bbox="252 293 515 555">  </div> <div data-bbox="288 600 496 801">  </div> <div data-bbox="236 846 531 1144">  </div>	<p>Welcome and introductions, minutes from last meeting, Fire Safety</p> <p>Awa welcomed attendees and shared apologies.</p> <p>Melissa outlined the fire safety procedures.</p> <p>The attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the actions were noted as having been done.</p> <p>The cycle taxi service was funded by the National Lottery. They no longer have funding for this.</p> <p>Options for improving accessible cycling in East Ham Park are being looked into by the relevant commissioner.</p> <p>Concerns around the depth of the pool being used for warm swimming sessions in East Ham are being looked at.</p>
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Newham Council has finished an exercise to get providers for Independent Living Support Services.

Learning Disability Providers have had to show how they will support Friendship Circles and ways to develop independent living skills.

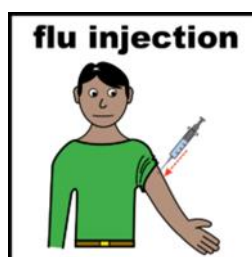


The next 'Making Work Work' group (ELFT Employment Community of Practice) meeting will be on Wednesday 16 July from 10:30am to 12pm. It is online.

Action: Melissa to send out the link to the 'Making Work Work' online meeting.

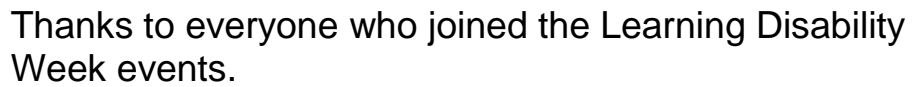


VoiceAbility will be providing more accessible information about Advocacy Services to NCfMH.



The Provider Forum was asked to support more people to have Flu vaccines. Only 1 in 4 residents took up the offer last year (28%).

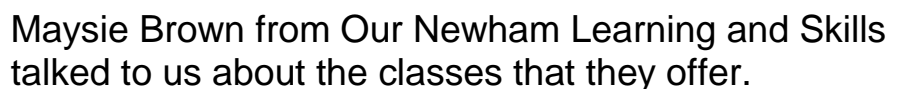
Other updates



You said that you wanted Dancing. We had a DJ and dancing at the BBQ.




We gave out a list of all the free activities that happen every week.


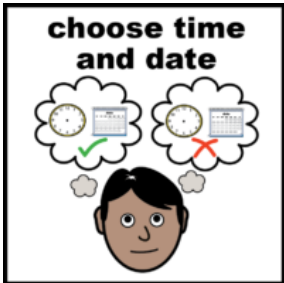
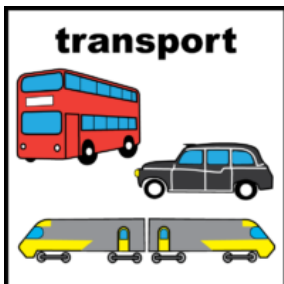
Newham Training and Skills





A collage of British currency. At the top, the word "money" is written in a large, bold, black font. Below it, there are several banknotes: a £20 note with a blue and green design, a £10 note with a red and orange design, a £10 note with a purple design, and a £5 note with a green design. There is also a black and white illustration of a woman's face, possibly a historical figure, with the word "TEN" written below it. At the bottom, there are several coins: a gold £1 coin, a silver £1 coin, a silver 50p coin, a silver 20p coin, a silver 10p coin, and a silver 5p coin.

The fees that you will be charged for the classes will be depend on your income and benefits but the maximum fee is £6 per hour.

<div data-bbox="247 542 517 806">  </div> <div data-bbox="236 1061 529 1301">  </div>	<p>You have to be 19+ to enrol in a class.</p> <p>Awa asked if meditation classes were available. Maysie said that there were none available at present but it was possible for them to run new classes if a group of 8 or more were interested.</p> <p>Neil asked if the staff had Police Checks. Maysie said that all the trainers and staff who work for Our Newham Learning and Skills have Enhanced DBS checks. This is a highest level of Police Check done for staff.</p> <p>Maysie said that it was good to check about safety. She also said that the service is rated 'Good' for safety by OFSTED and safety is covered in the Independent Living and Money courses.</p> <p>Staff from Our Newham Work come into the classes to talk about job opportunities.</p> <p>You can find out more about Our Newham Work and Skills at Courses for Adults in Newham</p> <p>There is a Summer Barista Skills course coming up at Newham College. You will complete a Food Hygiene course in this.</p>
<div data-bbox="191 1579 220 1615">6</div> <div data-bbox="236 1700 509 2009">  </div>	<p>Social Care Charging Leaflet</p> <p>Jennifer Kumi from the Communications Team at Newham presented an easy read leaflet about Social Care Charging to us for feedback on how easy it is to understand.</p> <p>People made a lot of suggestions to improve the leaflet Jennifer thanked everyone for the ideas.</p>

		<p>The Council will be doing more work on making information more accessible.</p> <p>Action: Jennifer to send out information on joining a panel to review Council publicity.</p>
7	<div data-bbox="255 589 507 840"> <p>anything else</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="239 1093 523 1375"> <p>choose time and date</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="237 1500 521 1783"> <p>transport</p>  </div>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Melissa spoke about the People Powered Places project where Newham residents make decisions on which projects the council will spend money on.</p> <p>The group filled out forms to choose their priorities.</p> <p>A meeting on the subject will take place on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at Canning Town Library.</p> <p>You can find out more information about People Powered Places at People Powered Places</p> <p>Trish said that there weren't very many people with Learning Disabilities turning up for the VoiceAbility drop in sessions at Chargeable Lane.</p> <p>She asked the meeting if the times of the sessions needed to be changed from the current 1-2pm slot.</p> <p>The people at the meeting discussed this and came to a consensus that a better time would be from 11am-12.30pm.</p> <p>People at the meeting also raised the issues of transport to the venue and publicity for the drop in.</p> <p>The group talked about being driven to activities. It would be good to take public transport, but this can be hard, especially if you use a wheelchair.</p> <p>Action: Melissa to organise a future meeting on accessibility on public transport.</p>

		<p>Nathan talked about seeing a lot of people with learning disabilities walking around Stratford. He wanted them to know about other things to do, and to join groups like ours.</p> <p>We talked about how some of the people may not be from Newham. But it would be good to tell people about other things that they could do.</p> <p>Action: All to see if they can volunteer for an information stall to give out information about the drop in sessions and other local services.</p> <p>Melissa mentioned the following events that Act Up! Newham are taking part in-</p> <p>East London Shakespeare Festival: Central Park – 26th-27th June 2025 and Riverside East – 29th June 2025. More info Outdoorshakespeare East London Shakespeare Festival England</p> <p>Events at Sadlers Wells East on Sunday 29th June The Dance Floor Presents: Get Into Dance Festival - The Dance Floor at Sadler's Wells East - Sadler's Wells THE HERDS - The Walk Productions - Sadler's Wells East This is free. Act Up Newham are dancing at 12:40pm.</p>
8		<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th September 2025</p> <p>11am to 1pm</p> <p>Canning Town Library</p> <p>We will talk about: Keeping Safe.</p>