

Activate

Newsletter of the United Kingdom Disabled People's Council

Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of UKDPC's Activate newsletter. In these deeply worrying times and in response to the recent government cuts in welfare and services provision, we have produced a [UKDPC Response to DLA Reforms](#). This response gathers direct

feedback from our members and partner DPOs, who have directly consulted in their local communities.

For a show of strength and to fight these cuts, we've helped organise a huge march, lobby and rally called 'The Hardest Hit' in London on **11 May 2011**. To register your place on the day, please visit <http://www.ukdpc.net>

We're hoping for at least 10,000 to come along and we are asking all Disabled People's Organisations and all disabled individuals to attend if they can. We want to show the government that we cannot be ignored or sidelined with these cuts. The cuts pose an enormous threat to the future and wellbeing of all disabled people.

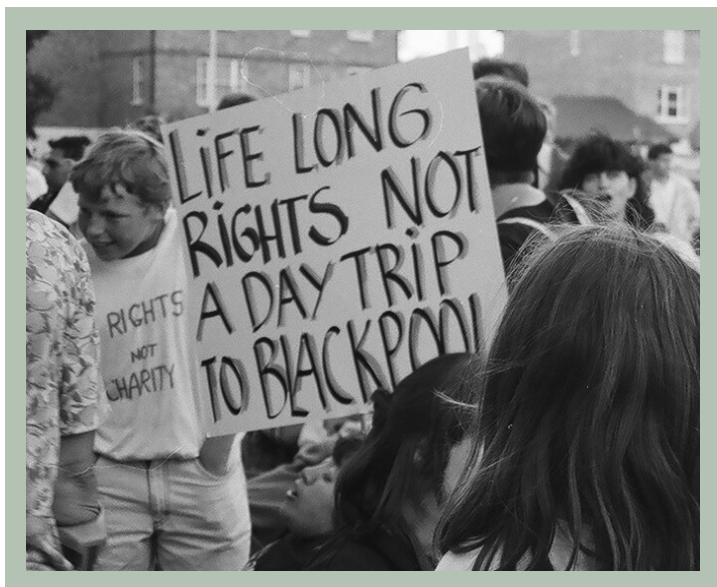
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We've got full details of The Hardest Hit rally on 11 May in this newsletter. In solidarity, we look forward to seeing you there. Plus, we're also looking for volunteer helpers for the day. If you think you can help in any way then please get in touch with us by emailing info@ukdpc.net

As funding from the Big Lottery for the Disability LIB (Listen, Include, Build) project comes to an end, we bring you news of a celebratory conference of all the Disability LIB partners (Pages 5 and 7).

There are also a round of workshops and events for Disabled People's Organisations that we're running across the UK. These events range from Human Resources Management to the launch of the Disability Rights Watch UK reporting and monitoring project (Pages 6-8).

Then, we also bring you news of our Company Secretary and Trustee, Anne Novis, being awarded a MBE (Page 9). We're very pleased for Anne, as this is recognition of her life-long campaigning and hard work highlighting the issue of disability hate crime.

Finally, we highlight a number of important consultations (Pages 10-11) that are currently running across the UK and that may well be of importance to the work of your DPO.

The Hardest Hit - Defending Disabled People's Futures

Join us for a march, lobby of Parliament and rally on 11 May. To register, please visit us at [http:// www.ukdpc.net](http://www.ukdpc.net)

The March

Thousands of disabled people as well as family and friends will be marching to express solidarity and anger at the cuts threatening our benefits, services, jobs and rights. The march will take us past the Houses of Parliament and we will make sure that MPs and Peers hear our collective voice and understand our message.

The Lobby

After the march many of us will be lobbying our MPs as the Welfare Reform Bill reaches a critical stage in the House of Commons. We will be sharing our stories, making sure that Parliamentarians understand the combined impact of the cuts on our lives and futures. Crucially, we will be challenging MPs to vote against policies that will push us further into poverty and isolation.

The Rally

On the afternoon of the march we will meet in Methodist Central Hall to hear from disabled people about the deep unfairness of the cuts for their lives and futures. We will also listen to politicians from the main Parties to find out how they plan to uphold the rights, equality and participation of disabled people as promised in the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

For further details about the day, please visit our website or get in touch with us.

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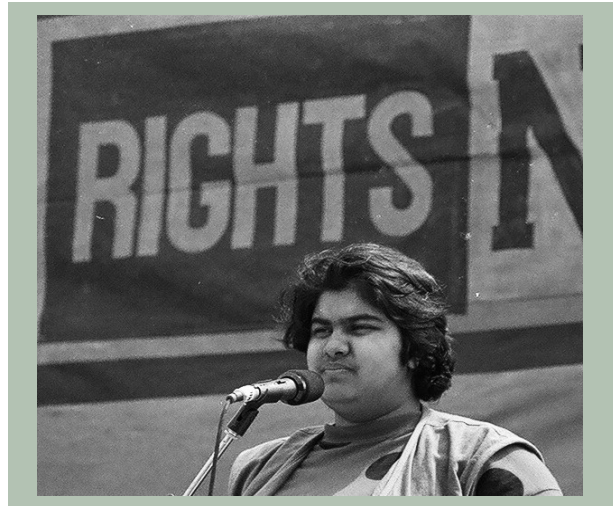
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The Hardest Hit, 11 May 2011.

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Where and When

We will gather for the march from 11.30 on the Embankment by Horseguards Avenue. It will start at 12:30 and take in Victoria Embankment, Bridge Street, Parliament Square, Millbank and finish in Dean Stanley Street at around 13:30.

We expect the lobby to take place in Westminster Hall and to run between 14:30 and 17:30. Everyone hoping to see their MP during the afternoon is encouraged to write in advance to get an appointment. The rally will take place in Methodist Central Hall (close to the Houses of Parliament) with speeches between 15:00 and 15:30.

What do you need to do?

- Come along on 11 May and bring your family and friends! We hope for at least 10,000 people on the march.
- Register by visiting the UKDPC website at <http://www.ukdpc.net> to let us know that you're coming and what access needs you have.
- If you're planning to lobby your MP, write to request a meeting. You're much more likely to get to see them if you do.
- If you want to come to the rally, book a place by visiting the UKDPC website <http://www.ukdpc.net> Space is limited!

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UK Disabled People's Council

Disability LIB project comes to an end.

Big Lottery Funding ends June 2011

After three very successful years, we are saddened to inform our readers that the Disability LIB project is going to come to end this summer. This is because the funding from the Big Lottery ends in June 2011.

In the meantime, however, the Disability LIB team have been extremely busy organising a series of workshops and events all around the country.

As well as the Disability LIB celebratory conference on 9 April 2011, there are also workshops and training events focused on human rights and the Equality Act. Please come along and take part.

Disability LIB would also like to highlight that they are still taking applications to the Access fund. So, if you haven't applied before please visit <http://www.disabilitylib.org.uk/> to find out more and apply.

Finally, if you would also to find out more on the Disability LIB events that are being held in the next few months, then please turn to Pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.



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The logo for Disability Rights Watch UK, featuring the words "Disability Rights Watch" in a dark blue sans-serif font, with "UK" in a bold orange sans-serif font to the right. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin grey rectangular border.

Disability Rights Watch UK Launch Event

Disability Rights Watch UK is a ground-breaking new project by the United Kingdom Disabled People's Council, with the support of Scope and Disability Lib, that aims to ensure disabled people and their organisations are actively involved in monitoring disabled people's human rights in the UK.

Disability Rights Watch UK Launch – Cambridge

Date: 31 March 2011, Time 11:00 - 15:00

Venue: Lucy Cavendish College: Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge, CB3 0BU.

For more information or to book a place, then please Corrie Pegg. Corrie's email is: corrie.pegg@ukdpc.net or telephone 020 8522 7433.

Disabled people are being asked to put forward and record their experiences of discrimination and human rights abuse through the Disability Rights Watch project. This information will be used in a crucial new report to the United Nations next year and will provide evidence about how the coalition government is complying with its duties under the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (CRPD).

If you would like to find out more about this project then visit the dedicated Disability Rights Watch UK website at: <http://disabilityrightswatchuk.org/>

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Disability LIB 'Building our Future' Conference.



Disability LIB Alliance invites you to “DPOs: Building Our Future” conference which will be held at Birmingham City University on **9 April 2011**.

The day will be lively and interactive - focused on information sharing and learning; celebrating the work of the Disability LIB Alliance over the last three years. Young people helped us plan the event and young people will co chair the day.

Disability LIB is an alliance of 7 organisations, offering capacity building, support and advice to Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) in England using rights based principles. The partner organisations have been working on various projects over the last three years which include a wide range of issues: human rights, inclusion, empowerment, young people’s leadership, governance, strategic planning, diversity and equality.

We encourage you to book early as places are limited. Once you send your booking form, we will send you further information regarding the agenda, venue, local hotels and transport.

Please contact the Gelila Tekle-Mariam at the Alliance for Inclusive Education for more information. We really hope you can make it!!

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UKDPC Human Resources Management Events



UKDPC has organised two workshops in April that will cover human resources management issues. These workshops will take place in Preston and Bristol.

Topics will include the Equality Act, promoting diversity within the workforce, effective staff management, and working with a Board of Trustees.

Human Resources Management – Preston

Date: 15 April 2011, Time 10:00 - 16:15

Venue: Gujarat Hindu Society Centre (GHS), Meadow Lane, Preston, PR1 8JN

Human Resources Management – Bristol

Date: 20 April 2011, Time 10:00 - 16:15

Venue: The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

For more information or to book a place, then please Corrie Pegg. Corrie's email is: corrie.pegg@ukdpc.net or telephone 020 8522 7433.

UKDPC Trustee Anne Novis receives MBE



UKDPC Trustee, Anne Novis, receives MBE for her work on disability hate crime.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Anne Novis, has received an MBE in recognition of her dedication and hard work against disability hate crime.

Anne, Company Secretary and Trustee of UKPDC and lifelong disability hate crime campaigner, received this award in a ceremony earlier this year, in recognition of her dedication in tackling disability hate crimes and disability-related harassment.

A very big congratulations Anne!

To read more on disability hate crime and to find out how you can get involved in reporting and monitoring hate crimes in your area, then please visit our website at: <http://www.ukdpc.net>



Current Consultations

Protecting the right of disabled people to independent living – Call for Evidence.

The Joint Committee of Human Rights, chaired by Dr Hywel Francis MP, has announced an inquiry into the implementation of the right to independent living for disabled people.

The Committee would like to find out how Government policies and practices can implement the right to independent living in practice. They would particularly welcome evidence on these recent developments:

- the decision, announced in the CSR, to remove the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance for all people living in residential care
- changes to the Independent Living Fund
- “the Big Society”
- restrictions on local authority funding, social care budgets and benefits reassessments

The right to independent living is guaranteed by Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Committee invites interested persons and groups to submit evidence on this issue and would welcome written submissions by **Friday 29 April 2011**.

For further details on this Call for Evidence, or for an Easy Read version of the consultation, then please visit the Committee’s website at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/jchr>.

Alternatively you can obtain copies of this consultation by calling them on 020 7219 2384.

Current Consultations

Support and Aspiration: a new approach to special educational needs and disability - Green Paper.

The Department for Education has launched a consultation paper called 'Support and Aspiration: a new approach to special educational needs and disability'. The coalition government views these proposals as removing bias towards inclusion in education.

This paper proposes a new single assessment process for disabled children's access to services and education. It sees this new proposal as a means of preventing multiple SEN assessments.

There are also a range of other proposals in the paper that will directly affect the education, care and support for disabled children. This will directly impact the numbers of children qualifying for extra support and the services disabled children receive from their local authorities.

The Department for Education welcomes your views on these proposals. The consultation will end on **Thursday 30 June 2011**.

For further details on this Green Paper of the consultation, then please visit the Department for Education's website at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/CM%208027>

An easy-read version of the Green Paper will also be available from the website, and if you require other alternative formats please email:

send.greenpaper@education.gsi.gov.uk