

# Hammersmith & Fulham Disabled People's Commission (DPC)

Meeting minutes – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Who was at the meeting?

### Members of the commission:

Tara Flood (Chair)

Patricia Quigley

Martin Doyle

Victoria Brignell

Kate Betteridge

David Isaac

Ramona Williams

Jane Wilmot

Ali Buhdeima

### Also at the meeting:

Councillor Sue Fennimore

Mary Hicks (DeafPlus)

Gwen Presley (DeafPlus)

John Wood (Safety Net –  
People First)

Faisal Yusuf (SNPF)

Sheree Moss (PA to SNPF)

Peter Gay (Support Worker)

### For support:

Peter Smith (LBHF)

Fawad Bhatti (LBHF)

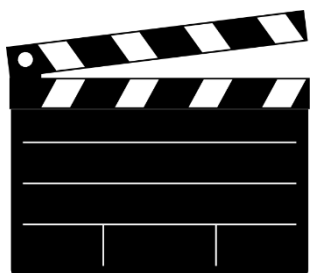
### Apologies to the commission:

Mike Gannon

Councillor Vivienne Lukey

Kevin Caulfield (LBHF)

## Introduction and Actions



The group went through the actions from February.  
See separate sheet for actions.

## Disabled People's Lives in London – DeafPlus



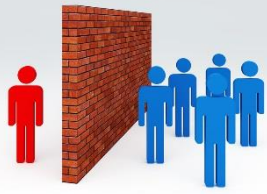
Tara introduced Mary Hicks from DeafPlus and Gwen Presley who is a client of DeafPlus.



Mary and Gwen told the group about DeafPlus and what they do:

- They want inclusion for deaf, hard of hearing, blind and Deafblind people.
- All of DeafPlus staff are deaf.
- DeafPlus work all over the country but in Fulham they have been working for 15 years.
- Frustrated by there not being much funding.
- Gwen uses the drop-in centre near Acton.
- Gwen also is frustrated by cuts and funding.





David asked Mary to say more about the main problems for deaf people in the borough.

Mary said:

- Main problem is communication.
- This includes having access to good information.
- There are not enough interpreters.
- Many deaf people have difficulty reading, so that is another barrier.



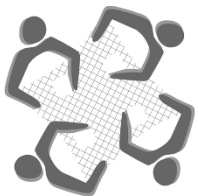
Ali asked about funding from the council.

Mary told the group that DeafPlus get money from the council. BUT, that money is for information and advice but not for interpreters.



Mary agreed that she can answer any more questions that come up by email.

**Disabled People's Lives in London – Safety Net – People First (SNPF)**



SafetyNet-PeopleFirst

Martin explained that SNPF is a disabled people's organisation for people with learning disabilities/difficulties.



**SNPF's aim are to make sure that people with learning disabilities are:**

- In control of their care needs.
- In control of their support.
- Active in their community.
- Included and not isolated.



**John explained that SNPF are involved in a lot of different groups/meetings:**

- Learning Disability Housing Sub-Group for H&F.
- Trained Housing Officers in H&F.
- Health Sub-Group for the 3 boroughs.
- NHS's Learning Disability Health Steering Group.
- HealthWatch and NHS forums across London.
- DPO Network for H&F.



**healthwatch**  
Central West London

**HAFCAAC**  
Hammersmith & Fulham Coalition  
against Community Care Cuts



**Tara asked why SNPF feel that their voices are not being heard?**

**SNPF are involved in a lot of groups – is it because these groups are not working well?**



**John and Faisal said that it might be because the decisions these groups make seem quite small and might take a while to happen.**



**SNPF told the group that big changes or topics like DLA changing to PIP, cuts to welfare, and voting in local and national elections were topics they wanted to see changes on.**



**Councillor Sue Fennimore said that she hopes that disabled people's organisations have seen the council working really hard to make sure disabled people's voices are heard.**



**Councillor Sue Fennimore explained that local councils don't have control over changes to benefits – that is the DWP.**



**Councillor Sue Fennimore said that the H&F council are committed to making H&F the best borough in the country to live in if you are a disabled person.**

## Public Consultation events



Patricia told the group that there are 2 events planned so far:

- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April:**
  - 2pm – 4.15pm
  - St. Paul's in Hammersmith.
  
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:**
  - 6.30pm – 9pm
  - White City Community Centre.



There is space for about 60 people at each event.



Members of the Disabled People's Commission are asked to help out with the event. There will be jobs on the day and people need to help get the word out too.



Commissioners are asked to get to the event on 29<sup>th</sup> for 1pm for to plan.

Ramona also suggested wearing vibrant colours so that people recognise members of the commission.



## Update on the Surveys



Tara told the group that the survey is still going on and can carry on a bit longer, to the end of March.

Tara thanked SNPF for the Easy Read version.



Peter told the group that when they counted last week, there had been 83 staff surveys done and 67 resident surveys done.

This was a good number from staff but agreed that more resident surveys are needed.

## Any other business and next meetings

### Report

Victoria asked about the writing of the commission's report.

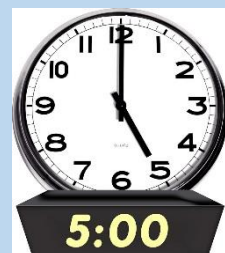
Tara said that the group could put this on the agenda for April or May meetings, with other reports too – like the one about isolation and loneliness.

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The next meeting is on:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 5pm.



At Hammersmith Town Hall.