

# DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP CALDERDALE NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2020

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to Disability Partnership Calderdale's January 2020 newsletter. This month we look ahead to our next Open Meeting, where we will be putting the focus on hearing and sight impairments, with some experts joining us to offer insights and advice! Remember, there are also email and audio versions of this newsletter available and you can always read more of our news on our website, [www.disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org](http://www.disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org)

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## OUR 28 JANUARY OPEN MEETING

This Open Meeting, our first of a new decade, is themed around supporting people with hearing and sight impairments. We have a number of guest speakers who will make short presentations and who will also be available after the meeting, for anyone who wants to chat to them.

### The Main Presenters

**Halifax Society For The Blind:** one of Calderdale's largest and most proactive disability groups, Halifax Society For The Blind will be joining us to talk about their new HQ and to show us some of the products they recommend to help visually impaired people in their daily lives. They will be speaking about the range of social activities and groups that they co-ordinate.

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**Calderdale Council's Sensory Team:** Michelle Gerrard (Deaf & Hard of Hearing Co-ordinator) and Sue Straw (Visually Impaired Co-ordinator) will be speaking about the service offered by Calderdale Council's Sensory Team and about groups that offer support for people with sensory impairments in Calderdale. They will also speak about "Access to Work" a government programme aimed at supporting disabled people to take up or remain in work.

**Guide Dogs** - also available for a chat after the meeting will be a Guide Dog user who will be able to advise on the ownership of a guide dog.

**Disability Partnership Calderdale** - our own trustees and workers will also be at the meeting and are always available for a chat. We will also be asking for your help in our ongoing consultation with the disabled people of Calderdale into the issues that most concern them in their day-to-day lives. This helps us to focus our activities on the most pressing needs amongst the disabled community.

## More About The Meeting

- **Where:** The Kings Centre, 3 Park Rd, Halifax HX1 2TS
- **When:** Tuesday 28 January 2020. Doors open at 5pm and the meeting should finish by 7.30pm (though everyone is welcome to stay afterwards and chat).
- **Accessibility:** The meeting venue is on the ground floor and is accessible via gentle ramps from the pavement outside. It includes accessible toilets. The meeting will include two screens on which

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the text of all presentations etc are transcribed live by a palantypist (speech to text reporter). There will also be a BSL translator available throughout, translating all presentations and helping people with hearing impairments to fully contribute to the meeting.

- **Cost:** The meeting is FREE to attend for everyone and there is no need to pre-book a place. Simply turn up on the day!
- **Travel Expenses:** All disabled people attending the meeting can obtain full travel expenses - simply bring your tickets/receipts to the meeting and present them at the door when you sign in.
- **Food & Drink:** A free buffet is available at all our meetings, with clearly labelled options for people with food intolerances. There's also a limitless supply of tea, coffee and water. The buffet will be available throughout the evening. The meeting usually includes a mid-session break after approximately one hour.
- **Questions/Queries? Email**  
[info@disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org](mailto:info@disabilitypartnershipcalderdale.org)

## DIARY DATES 2020

Here are a few important dates for your diaries - our first three Open Meetings (free to attend, open to all members) of 2020 are on the following dates: January 28, March 24 and May 26. You can also view these on our website calendar.

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## LATEST NEWS - CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

This month we are going to focus on a number of consultation options that we are currently keen to draw your attention to. A couple are major projects that will help shape the future of Calderdale's transportation system. The more voices from the disability community that join the consultation, the more chance we have of making these plans and future projects more accessible.

**New Halifax Bus Station Consultation** – West Yorkshire Combined Authority have just launched their public consultation on their plans for the redevelopment of Halifax Bus Station. Disability Partnership Calderdale were involved in a preliminary consultation stage late last year and fed back on the plans, but we'd encourage everyone to look at the plans for themselves and feed back on them, with a particular emphasis on their suitability for people with disabilities!

**Deaf Community “Calderdale Conversation”** - Here's an event aimed specifically at the deaf community, with Interpreter Service Calderdale present, Calderdale Council's Calderdale Conversations. Tuesday 28 January 2020, 2-4pm, at North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax HX3 6TE – Saville Room. What do you want to talk about? That's what they're asking as part of Calderdale Conversations, the council's enterprising new way of listening to what local people are saying is important to them.

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**Road Corridor Improvement Plans Consultation:** Here's a great opportunity to view and feed back on a wide range of road network improvements in our area – from changes to road layouts, to cycle lanes, to disabled parking spaces, this is a very detailed set of plans and a great opportunity to influence the final outcomes.

To get involved with these consultations, please visit our website where there are links to the relevant website.

## Questions?

Call the DPC mobile number 07716122897

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