



Knowsley User Led Organisation (ULO) Newsletter

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News from Knowsley ULO

There are lots of new ways of getting involved in the ULO! Whatever service you use, if you want to get your views heard or suggest topics you'd like the ULO to focus on, please get in touch.

We'd like to hear about you!

Knowsley ULO has a new membership form. It will help us to reach new members, collect information on which issues are important to you, make sure that the ULO is user led and that we have the right contact details for everyone on our mailing list. It is attached with this email so please fill it in and return it.

Next forum meeting

The next meeting of the ULO Full Forum will take place at 10.30 am on Tuesday 12 February at the Old Schoolhouse, St Johns Road, Huyton. The session will be looking at progress since the ULO Stakeholder Day in November 2012, forthcoming events, our ideas for promoting the ULO and information about the AGM. It will also be a chance to join up as a member of the ULO. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Session at SPEAK

The ULO is holding a joint session with SPEAK Knowsley (Supporting Parents, Events and Advice in Knowsley) to look at the needs of parents of disabled children and parents with a disability. Alison Unsworth, Senior Occupational Therapist at Knowsley Centre for Independent Living (CIL), will provide information about the services at the CIL for parents and children. The session will also include information about the work of the ULO and SPEAK. It takes place on Thursday 14 February between 6.30-8.30pm at the Old Schoolhouse, St John's Road, Huyton.

ULO online

You can now find Knowsley ULO on Facebook and Twitter @KnowsleyULO. Let us know if you're a service user, support group or organisation who'd like to get involved in the ULO and what issues you'd like the ULO to be looking at.

Opportunities to be Involved

Care and Repair Tender

Members of the ULO who are residents of Knowsley are needed to give feedback on the tenders for the Care and Repair Service and what other services should be developed. Please let Helen Saarma know on 07501 653984 or knowsleyulo@gmail.com if you would like to represent the ULO. For more information about the process or to find out more, contact Graham Keeling, Commissioning Manager, Independent Living on 07717 301 415 or email: graham.keeling@knowsley.gov.uk

LINK into HealthWatch

Knowsley LINK is looking for members to help it to develop and move forward into Local Healthwatch. If you would like any further information on the transition into Healthwatch or would like to get involved, please contact the Support Team on 0151 480 9177 or email kelly@knowsleylink.org.uk.

Knowsley Advisory Group (KAG)

This is a new group which will be looking at how national issues can affect Knowsley residents, and to try and reduce their impact. It is looking for a member of the ULO to attend meetings. The next meeting will be held on Friday 8 February between 10am-12 noon at Knowsley Disability Concern, 263a Tarbock Road, Huyton L36 0SD. Please let Helen Saarma know on 07501 653984 or knowsleyulo@gmail.com if you would like to represent the ULO. For more information about KAG, contact Paul Peng, Community Cohesion Manager on 0151 443 3073 or

Training and Events

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

An event highlighting the work of organisations in Knowsley to safeguard vulnerable adults is being held on Tuesday 26 February. For more information and to book a place, see the attached flyer.

Setting Up a Social Enterprise

This one day training course is aimed at people who are interested in learning more about social enterprises, their advantages and disadvantages and how to go about setting one up.

It will be held between 9.45am - 4pm on 25 February at The Old Schoolhouse, St. John's Rd, Huyton, Knowsley, L36 0UX. The course costs £55.00 and lunch and refreshments are included.

For further information on this course, or would like to book a place, please email Helen Barker - helen@kpac.org.uk or call 0151 481 0047.

Contact the ULO

If you would like to become a member of the ULO, share information or have an issue you'd like the ULO to discuss, contact:

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