

# NEWS & VIEWS



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## Knowsley Council publishes its plans for the future

'Transforming Adult Social Care' sets out Knowsley's priorities for the next three years.

Faced with increasing demand for services coupled with continued cuts to funding, the Council has developed a plan which focuses more on prevention, early intervention and helping people access support from their local communities instead of relying on traditional services. Key to this will be the provision of good, up to date information so that people can make decisions about the care and support they need to stay well, maintain their independence and be safe.

To help with this, the Council is developing Live Well Knowsley, an online directory of services. Look out for news of its launch on our website, Facebook pages and Twitter feed.

You can read the full document by clicking on the link on the home page of our website, [www.kdc.org.uk](http://www.kdc.org.uk).



## Planning for Later Life Event -

Wednesday 9 November 2016

KDC will be one of a group of agencies on hand for you to get information covering a wide range of topics, including:

- Making a will
- Power of attorney
- Housing options including 'Extra Care'
- Equity release
- Home adaptations
- Care choices
- Benefits advice
- Pensions
- End of life care
- Funeral planning

Local people, families and carers are invited to drop into The Venue in Huyton (formally the Huyton Suite) anytime between 2pm and 7pm.



We are delighted to announce that we have been selected to receive funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund. It means that when members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% as a contribution towards our project to stamp out disability hate crime. The more support we get, the more funding we could receive. So if you're a Co-op Member, log in to your Co-op Membership account and choose us. If you're not a member, please join and support us! visit [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership) and make us your cause by March 2017.

Remember, you can donate to KDC at any time to help fund our work for disabled people and those living with long term conditions.

Text KDCS01 to 70070



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## Meet the teams...



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## GET CONNECTED



17th - 23rd October 2016 is national Get Online Week! the UK's largest digital inclusion festival.

The Knowsley Get Connected team are hosting free events throughout the week. Drop in for a session and discover the many benefits of getting online – manage

your money, write your CV, find the right job or course, switch your utilities, stay in touch with family and friends, find bargains online and much more!

**Sessions are being run from 12noon to 2pm on:**

- Monday** George's Church, 46 Primrose Drive, Huyton, L36 8DW
- Tuesday** Pride Centre, 2 Simonswood Lane, Kirkby, L33 5YP
- Tuesday** Page Moss Baptist Church, Page Moss Lane, L14 0LX
- Wednesday** St Jude's Church, Roundhey, Stockbridge Village, L28 1RQ
- Thursday** St Dominic's Church, Southdean Road, Huyton, L14 8UL
- Friday** Changing Lives, 101-105a Cherryfield Drive, Kirkby, L32 8SA
- Friday** Huyton Parish Church, Bluebell Lane, Huyton, L36 7SA
- Saturday** St Mary's Church, Leathers Lane, Halewood, L26 9TS

**For more information, phone 0151 546 0470 or visit [www.big-help.info](http://www.big-help.info)**

# SUPPORT for you...



## Stepping inside dementia workshop - Wednesday 9 November 2016

We have a few places left on our free training course for anyone living with, or providing care for someone with dementia. Delivered by experts from the Alzheimers Society this is an interactive session to help people gain a better understanding of the condition as well as how to support those with dementia to live well.

The venue for the course is the Old School House, Huyton, L36 0UX. It starts at 9.00am and finishes at 4.30pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided and a £5 travel allowance can be claimed.

**To book one of the remaining places, email [johanne.ross@kdc.org.uk](mailto:johanne.ross@kdc.org.uk) or call 0151 480 4090.**

## Free afternoon tea and the chance to have your say on disability issues

Your local disability partnership is hosting a Community Afternoon Tea on **Tuesday 22 November**. Come along to air your views about matters close to your heart and help change the way services are provided in Knowsley. The



venue is The Old School House, St Johns Road Huyton L36 0UX. We plan to start at

2.00pm but you can drop in any time during the afternoon.

Complimentary tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be served.



## YOUR PAYROLL 0151 949 5442 [yourpayroll@kdc.org.uk](mailto:yourpayroll@kdc.org.uk)



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The flu vaccination is available every year on the NHS to help protect those at risk of flu and its complications, including anyone aged 65 and over, pregnant women, people with long-term health conditions and carers.

**Contact your GP or local community pharmacy to arrange yours.**



## Assisted Refuse Collection Service

Knowsley Council offers an assisted service for the elderly or those with a disability who are unable to place their refuse bins at the roadside and have no family/ neighbours to assist them. To request an application, phone 0151 443 2400 or you can go online and register for the service at

**[www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/bins-waste-and-environment/putting-your-bins-out/request-assisted-collection](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/bins-waste-and-environment/putting-your-bins-out/request-assisted-collection)**

## Annual Winter Survival Community Event



This year's Annual Winter Survival Community Event is being held on **Wednesday 9th November 2016**, at St Georges Hall in Liverpool from 10.00am to 2.30pm.

It's a free event open to all residents across Merseyside covering topics such as keeping warm, staying healthy, benefits maximisation, fuel poverty and debt, energy efficiency information and grants, getting out and about, keeping active, and much more. Entertainment will also be provided during the day.



## A personal plea from your payroll team...

Thanks to all our customers for choosing Your Payroll. We pride ourselves on delivering a fast, friendly and professional service but we depend on you to give us the information we need. May we remind you to please send us your payroll information, changes etc. in time to meet our processing deadlines - see the payroll dates below. Many thanks from Joanne, Sandra and Shruthi.

### Here's a note of the next few payroll dates:

For customers who live in Knowsley

Last date for changes	Payslips out	Wages pay date
17 October	26 October	31 October
14 November	23 November	28 November
12 December	14 December*	26 December
9 January	18 January	23 January

For customers who live in Liverpool

Last date for changes	Payslips out	Wages pay date
24 October	2 November	7 November
21 November	30 November	5 December
19 December	21 December*	2 January
16 January	25 January	30 January

\* Please note that we will be aiming to send December payslips out early so that you can pay your PAs before Christmas if you wish.



## Thanks 😊

to all of you who have sent in your PA's email details so that we can move towards providing pay slips electronically via the internet. Please be assured that should your PA be unable to access their pay slips online, we can make an exception and continue with the current arrangements until they can. Please call Joanne on 0151 949 5442 to discuss.

Don't forget to take advantage of free help to get online - see our article on Page 2.

### Increase in National Minimum Wage

From October, workers aged **21 to 24** will be entitled to an increase in their hourly rate to **£6.95**. There is no change in the National Living Wage which is set at the minimum hourly rate of £7.20 per hour for all people aged 25 and over.



## Are you a good employer?

We are running a training session specifically designed for people who employ PAs. The Good Employer Workshop covers the full range of employment law and best practice and covers all aspects including:

- Successful recruitment
- Payroll, HMRC, statutory allowances, and workplace pensions
- Health and Safety in the workplace
- Absence and performance management
- PA training and development

The workshop will be run here at KDC on Wednesday 26 November 2016 from 1.00 pm to 4.00pm and again on Thursday 26 January 2017 from 9.30am to 12.30pm Refreshments will be provided.

**To book your place, email [Johanne.ross@kdc.org.uk](mailto:Johanne.ross@kdc.org.uk) or phone 0151 480 4090.**

## Help Needed! >>

We are looking for volunteers to help our busy teams deal with phone calls and carry out general administration tasks. If you can spare a few hours a week or a day or two each month, we'd love to hear from you. **Contact Joyce on 0151 480 4090.**

