



DAA NEWSLETTER: January 2015

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AWARDS WON

Congratulations to the Money Advice Service, Lloyds Bank and Barclays Bank for winning Disability-Smart Awards.

Find the full story on DAA website www.disabilityactionalliance.org.uk.

NEW MEMBERS

The DAA has had great sign-up of new members over January. Thanks to members who have been promoting the work of the DAA, and a huge welcome to our new members. To look at the work our new members do, please see links on page 2.

CALLS FOR ACTION

1. **X-Card survey** - The DAA's 'x-card' survey is collecting information relating to cards that can be used as proof of disability, to access reasonable adjustments, etc. We've had a great response so far, but would love to hear from more of you. If you've had problems with the emailed link, please use <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X-Card>.
2. **Volunteering Charter** – The Volunteering Charter continues to attract more organisations that are pledging to it. But we're still looking for more people to join. Please visit our charter page and consider pledging your organisation: [Volunteer Charter](#) .
3. **News Stories** – The DAA secretariat are keen to have more news stories from DAA members about innovative work you are doing, partnership working with other DAA members and awards won. In Feb we are particularly interested in stories that can be linked to World Social Justice day. If you have any please send them through to us: FULFILLING.POTENTIAL@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK

HEADLINE PROJECT UPDATES

Volunteering - The project continues to concentrate on getting pledges from the voluntary sector. Members of the DAA are currently exploring links with government departments with an interest in volunteering to further promote the Charter.

Transport - Stephen Brooks, chair of the DAA transport group, and eight other disabled people will now be delivering training for every bus and tram driver in Blackpool. This is a great success.

UPDATES ON GOVT POLICIES/CHANGES TO PUBLICATIONS

PIP Roll-out: From 26 January 2015, DWP has further extended rollout of PIP natural reassessment to DLA claimants living in the postcode areas beginning G (Glasgow), NE (Newcastle), WA (Warrington), WN (Wigan), DH (Durham), SR (Sunderland) and IV (Inverness).

ABC awards and Inclusive Technology awards: February will see the announcement of those shortlisted for the ABC awards and the semi-finalists for the Inclusive Technology awards.

New DAA members

Saved (usap): www.SAVEDusap.com

Useful Vision: website launch upcoming

Fmcppopinclub: www.fmcppopinclub.wordpress.com

Grid: www.wearethegrid.co.uk

Assist-MI: www.assist-mi.com

Basketball England: www.basketballengland.co.uk

Chesterfield Community Care Farm:
www.chesterfieldcommunitycarefarm.co.uk

Ruils Disability Action and Advise Centre: www.ruils.co.uk

Rounders England: www.roundersengland.co.uk

Cherry Orchard Gardening Services: www.cogsprepareforlife.org.uk