



DAA NEWSLETTER: May 2015

15th Edition

AWARD WON

Congratulations to Julie Charles, Equalities National Council and DAA Steering Group member, who recently won a lifetime achievement award at the Excellence in Diversity Awards. For the full story click [here](#).

NEW MEMBERS

Four new [members](#) have joined the DAA since February 2015. Please see list and links on page 3.

DAA member Community Service Volunteers (CSV) changed its name in April 2015 to [Volunteering Matters](#), placing more emphasis on policy work and reaching out to new audiences.

CALLS FOR ACTION

1. Send us your logo and 50 words organisational information – 85 [members](#) have sent through this information so far. If you have not already sent this, we are looking for your logo, 50 words about your organisation and your current web address to help us update the DAA website. This is a great way to publicise the fantastic work you are doing to other members, so please send this information to us as soon as you can.

2. Send us your upcoming events – The new website allows us to more easily publicise your events using our events calendar! If you have events you'd like to publicise, please [click here](#).

3. Join new DAA projects! – We are looking for more members to join the following projects:

- **Public Appointments** - Increasing disabled peoples' opportunities to take up public appointments.

- **Physical Activity and Sport** - Improving engagement between disabled people and sport and physical activity providers, to increase opportunities for participation.
- **What helps disabled people work; by disabled people** - Identify and share good practice in employment support.

4. News Stories – The DAA Secretariat is keen to receive [news stories](#) from DAA members. As well as general stories, we are interested in any which link with:

- **1-7 June – Volunteering week**
- **1-7 June – Child Safety Week**
- **1-7 June – Heart Rhythm week**
- **8-14 June – Carers Week**
- **14-20 June – Diabetes Week**
- **15-21 June – Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Week**
- **15-21 June – Learning Disability Week**
- **6 – 16 August – Cerebral Palsy World Games**

Please send all news stories to:

FULFILLING.POTENTIAL@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK

HEADLINE PROJECT UPDATES

Volunteering – 40 organisations have now pledged to the Volunteering Charter. Next steps include promotion of the charter at events during volunteering week 1 – 7 June 2015.

Transport –The DAA is now represented on Transport Focus (formerly Passenger Focus) accessibility steering group to ensure that the project is joined up with the work of this influential forum.

Commissioning – DAA members have been invited to speak at Commissioning Academy events over the summer months, and the DAA publication “Inclusive Communities” to the Academy’s resource bank.

For more information about our projects, please [click here](#).

UPDATES ON GOVT POLICIES/CHANGES TO PUBLICATIONS

DAA members may have noticed Justin Tomlinson (MP for North Swindon) was recently appointed as the Minister for Disabled People. The Minister briefly met the DAA secretariat during his first week, and showed interest in the work of the Alliance.

New DAA Members

- Disability Resource Centre (DRC): <http://drcbeds.org/>
- Open Inclusion: <http://www.openinclusion.com/>
- Inspirative Arts: <http://www.inspirativearts.co.uk/>
- AbilityTV: <http://www.abilitytv.co.uk/>