



CALLS FOR ACTION

1. NEW DAA virtual networks trial - The DAA is looking to facilitate member-led virtual networks with a:

- specific theme or focus - such as volunteering,
- local, geographical focus in a particular city.

We hope to launch a trial network on the [DAA website](#) this autumn. To help make this a success we would like to hear your experiences of running or using virtual networks:

- What worked well and what didn't work so well?
- What do you find particularly useful?
- What is key to ensuring that these networks remain active?

Please e-mail us by Friday 4 September:

fulfilling.potential@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.

2. Been a school governor? - The DAA's new [Public Appointments Project](#) is keen to hear about disabled people's experiences of being a school governor. Please email these to us by 31st August:

fulfilling.potential@dwp.gsi.gov.uk.

3. Digital Inclusion survey - It's not too late to take part in the DAA [Digital Inclusion project 'Using the internet'](#) survey for disabled people. (It's open til 18th September.) Please can DAA members encourage any disabled people you work with, or know to [complete the survey, here](#). If you cannot access this via the link provided, let us know and we will send it to you in another format.

HEADLINE PROJECT UPDATES

Work – The second project meeting took place on 11th August, and carried out a logic mapping session to review the projects possible remit. Two strands of work were identified; work has already begun on the first and most immediate strand. Details will be added to the [project page](#) as this work develops.

Sports and physical activity – This project is supporting the [English Federation of Disability Sport](#), EFDS ([DAA Member](#))’s “[Charter for Change](#)”, which champions disabled people’s right to participate in physical activity and sport. It encourages local partnerships between providers, disabled people and the non-sport sector to put the principals of the Charter into practice. Please sign up to the charter and make active lives possible, for all. Download your copy of the [Charter for Change](#) (PDF).

Transport – Following work undertaken by the transport project to provide training for bus drivers in Blackpool, Blackpool Transport have seen increased customer satisfaction across their whole customer base. For more information please see the [story they wrote for the DAA](#).

Further information about all of our projects, can be found [here](#).

UPDATES ON GOVT POLICIES/CHANGES TO PUBLICATIONS

DCMS launched a consultation at the end of July on: “A new strategy for sport: consultation”. The closing date for responses is 2nd October at 11.45pm. To find out more, or respond to the consultation [visit this web page](#).

Did you know you can keep up to date about consultations which are open for responses by visiting the Gov.UK website at [this web page](#)?

NEW MEMBERS

3 new organisations have joined the DAA recently, and several more are sending us information to join. Welcome to our new [members](#):

- Elcena Jeffers Foundation (EJF) - Only listed on Brent Council’s website at: <https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/community-directory/elcena-jeffers-foundation/>
- Spectrum CIL - <http://spectrumcil.co.uk/>
- The National Autistic Society - <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

We are also delighted to have received requests for information to join from a further 15 organisations during August – our network continues to grow!

NEW VOLUNTEER CHARTER MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the 2 new organisations who pledged to join the [Volunteer Charter](#) during August:

- Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society - www.llbs.co.uk
- Westbank - www.westbank.org.uk