

CALLS FOR ACTION

1. **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** (3rd December) – We would love to know what DAA members are doing to mark this day. Please tell us, so we can share the news about events and celebrations with other members via the website and twitter.

HEADLINE PROJECT UPDATES

Sports and physical activity - During UK Disability History Month, the Disability Action Alliance (DAA) and English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) held the “Making Active Lives Possible” conference. The aim of the day was to bring together DPULO’s and sporting-related organisations to take steps towards encouraging more disabled people to take up physical activity. This was a huge success with 70 organisations attending and networking. Attendees, including Disabled People User-led Organisations, DAA members, EFDS Members and EFDS Associate Members, also heard from speakers in government, sport and disability rights. Further information about DAA projects can be located on the website here.

Public Appointments – The chair of the Public Appointments group has asked us to share with you an opportunity to get involved in the NICE Public Health Advisory Committee. It is currently recruiting for a core community member who will play a key role in making sure that the views, experiences and interests of the public are included in the committee’s decision-making. The appointment will be for a period of 3 years and committee meetings will take place in central London. Community members are paid a fee to attend meetings and we cover travel and other expenses.

Please visit this NICE webpage for further information, dates of meetings and the application form. The deadline for receipt of applications is **5pm on Tuesday 15th December 2015**.

Raising Disability Awareness amongst Children – The project group has developed the first of two resource documents for teachers and teaching assistants to use in classrooms to raise disability awareness. The documents were published on Universal Children’s day, (20th November), and are available on the Disability Awareness amongst Children resources page and on the SEND gateway. We are in the process of adding these to the TES website.

UPDATES ON GOVT POLICIES/CHANGES TO PUBLICATIONS

The Department for Business Innovation and Skills launched a consultation on 20/11/15 on Limited Liability partnerships (LLPs) and qualifying partnerships: deregulatory changes. The consultation closes on 21 December 2015 at 11:45pm. To find out more or respond, [visit this web page](#).

HMRC launched a consultation this week on Technical consultation on companies excluded from the Employment Allowance. It closes on 3rd January 2016 at 5pm. To find out more, or respond to the consultation [visit this web page](#).

WEBSITE NEWS

Following feedback from DAA members, we have revised the layout of the [DAA Project pages](#) so you can find information about each project more easily. Please do let us know if you have any other suggestions; we are keen to make the website as user friendly as possible.

We also have three new DAA [networks](#) added to the website. These networks are either subject or regionally related. More information about these will be forthcoming, but do contact us if you are interested in these.

Let us know if you like the new pages and find them useful. Suggestions of any additional links you might like included are also welcomed.

VOLUNTEER CHARTER – PLEDGERS KEEP ON INCREASING!

We were really excited to hear from Jemma Mindham ([Volunteering Matters](#)), chair of the [volunteering project](#), this week. She informed us that even more organisations have pledged [the Volunteer Charter](#)! We look forward to receiving the details, and welcoming these new organisations.

If your organisation is interested in pledging to [the Volunteer Charter](#) they can do so via the [Volunteering Charter webpage](#).