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# NEWS

# INCLUSION GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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**Inclusion Gloucestershire have moved, our new address is,**

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## A Message from our CEO



We are drawing to the end of another busy few months, and a brilliant year here at Inclusion Gloucestershire.

Aside from getting our new projects off the ground, we recruited new staff in October, held an AGM and full team day in November and moved office in December! Over the year, we have quality checked nearly 180 care settings, run 280 sessions in our five Hubs, produced 12 short films, delivered forum theatre, held weekly drama sessions, run workshops about health inequalities, and championed the voice of disabled people.

Wishing all of our funders, partners, staff, volunteers and members a very happy Christmas and New Year!

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p.s. looking for an exciting opportunity in 2019? Applications for new trustees to join our skilled user-led Board are open until the end of December: [www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk/trustees/](http://www.inclusiongloucestershire.co.uk/trustees/)

## New Projects

- We will be delivering **Mental Health Awareness Training** to Shared Lives in Feb/Mar 2019.
- Our new **BME Inclusion Hub** opens on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Friendship Café in January!
- **MHELO** has expanded! Our new Network Group has opened in Cheltenham.
- **Was Not Brought** – we are making a film about what happens when people are not supported to their Annual Health Checks.
- We are delivering **Forum Theatre** about bereavement.

## Don't forget to check out...

- The Glos Assistants Directory is now live at [www.glosassistants.org.uk](http://www.glosassistants.org.uk)

## Hellos and Goodbyes...



We're pleased to say that Razeya Mohamedy and Ismail Parekh have started working with us in partnership with the Friendship Café, and James Fullard is now also working on MHELO! Hello also to Jemma Jewkes, our new Business Director, and Naomi Gibbons who is working on developing training. Welcome to the team!



## #YourVoiceMatters

Between 31 August and 2 November IG did the Your Voice Matters Survey, workshops and roadshow finding out what is important to people with learning disabilities and / or autism for the Glos Joint Strategic Analysis.

We spoke to hundreds of people with learning disabilities and /or autism of all ages and the people who support them.

What people told us is now being written up in a report which should be ready by May 2019.

IG will use the findings from our report to inform some of our future projects and hope it provides information for other organisations when they are commissioning new services.

We have already listened to what people said about hate crime and are writing a bid to see if we can get funding to do some work about this.

## Hot off the Press...



We are delighted to have been awarded funding by Gloucestershire Community Foundation to support our pathfinder project developing a communication alert that will help emergency services and others communicate better with people who have communication difficulties. Watch this space for more information.



## What's on at the Hubs?

- Christmas Party – wear your Christmas Jumper 14 Dec 2018. Gloucester Hub.
- Christmas Service – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 11.30am - 1.30pm.

### Hubs Christmas opening times:

	Last day	Open 2019
Gloucester	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Cheltenham	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Forest	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Stroud	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Tewkesbury	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan



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Don't forget, if you have any training or Easy Read needs, get in touch to see how we can help.



We can also help you raise awareness through our film and forum theatre work – check it out on our YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#)