

September – November 2018

NEWS

INCLUSION GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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A Message from our CEO



I was honoured to take over from Roger (who was a fantastic Chief Executive and we are really pleased is staying on to offer Strategic Support to IG) at the beginning of August and we've had a busy and exciting few weeks already! We are recruiting (check out our 'Get Involved' page on the website), getting new projects off the ground (including training for Shared Lives carers, peer mentoring, a PA Directory, and a new Hub aimed at the BME community), and planning for an AGM in October.

So, what is my plan for IG? Firstly, to keep up the great work we've been doing. I've been involved with Inclusion Gloucestershire since it started, and before that PING, so I'm really proud of all we've achieved. However, there's still a lot more work to do to result in an inclusive, fair society for people with disabilities, so my second aim is to support us to do more great work for more people. I will be driving forwards our ambitious 3 Year Strategy to make sure we do just that.

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Hellos and Goodbyes...

Welcome to our new Peer Mentors, Andrea Riga, Megan Paul, Kayleigh Connors, Wayne Crook and Tammy Bollen.

#YourVoiceMatters



The county council and NHS in Gloucestershire are listening to the experiences of people with learning disabilities and autism.

You can tell us what you think by filling in a survey online between 30 Aug and 2 Nov 2018 or come to one of our drop-in events.

What they learn from the survey will show them what's working well and what needs to change in future in health and social care.

Your voice matters because only you know what works for you. Find out more at

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/yourvoicematters

New Projects

Peer Mentoring

BME Hub

Glos Assistants Directory

Don't forget to check out...

- Hate Crime Awareness week 13-20 October



Gloucestershire's Help, Care & Support Noticeboard

Inclusion Gloucestershire are excited to be supporting Glos Assistants, a free tool helping to connect disabled people and their families with available assistants in Gloucestershire

The new website will be available from mid-September

www.

Dramatic Change is moving

From 4 September our weekly drama sessions will take place at The Friends Meeting House, Gloucester. For more information contact: 01452 623 120

MHELO



Mhelo is a part of inclusion Gloucestershire. We seek to give a contribution coming out of our struggles with mental health issues.

If you struggle with any Mental Health issues and want to meet in a safe space, please come to our Network Meetings.

The next meeting at the Manor House is on the 19th September at 5-7 pm and the speaker is Joy Gibbins from Suicide Crisis.

Also, in Cheltenham on 10th October at St Paul's Church is a launch event at 5-7 pm with people sharing from the Sober Parrot and Artlift.

www.mhelo.co.uk

What's on at the Hubs?

- **Wednesday 5th September**
Digital Photography Taster Session, open to anyone who would like to learn – Gloucester Hub
12.30pm – 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 12th September**
Coffee Morning at the Gloucester Hub 11.30am – 1.30pm Everyone welcome

Coming Up

- **We are moving...** We will move to new offices at the end of October. Please keep a look out on our website for updates of where we will be and when we will move.
- Dramatic Change are creating a play and workshop about grief and bereavement
- Our Peer Mentors are beginning training on presentation and interviewing skills ahead of the schools/colleges visits planned in the next school term

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