

# 'Enabling Haringey' Newsletter

Haringey Disability First Consortium is made up for four local community organisations



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Our first forum meeting was held at the Winkfield Resource Centre and had a Valentine's Day theme. It was attended by over 40 people! (below)

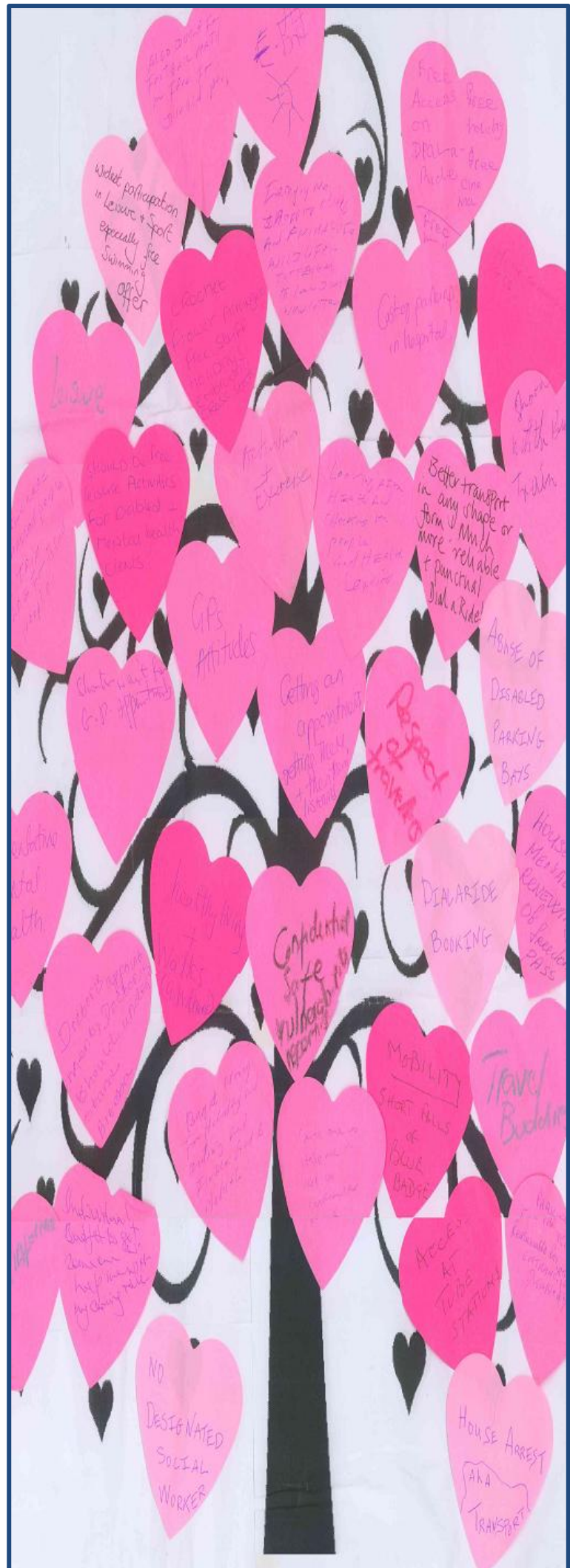


We wanted to find out what were important issues for people (right). Transport was a major focus of frustration!

We also asked who should be invited to future meetings. Most felt we should welcome everyone, whilst ensuring that disabled people were the focus.

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# HDFC is led by its forum members

HDFC know that you are the experts. You know what is needed to improve lives.

## Transport

Transport is a major issue for Haringey's disabled residents and so this has been our main focus in 2010.

We have set-up a sub-group called 'Out and About' because transport and mobility are priorities.

We have taken part in local and pan-London consultations. We attend the council's Transport forum.

We also give quotes to the press to highlight that mobility is a right.

HDFC and Age Concern Haringey were given two places on the Sustainable Transport Commission.

Many thanks to Pamela Moffatt and Robert Edmonds and all at Age Concern for making this happen.

*A service is not 'accessible' if you can't get to it*

*Accessibility is about having the right to travel freely around your neighbourhood*

*Getting two places on the Sustainable Transport Commission "shows that, at last, the accessibility of transport has been recognised as an essential part of the whole transport scene"*  
**Pamela Moffatt**

FREEDOM PASS

DIAL-A-RIDE/TAXICARD?

DRIVER TRAINING?

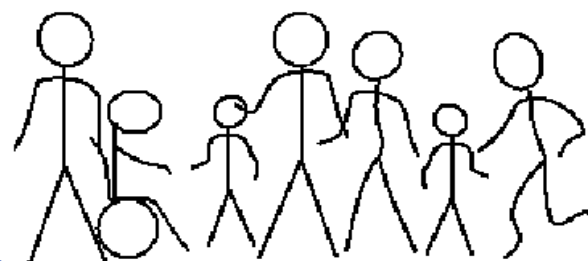
DROPPED KERBS?

STEP FREE ACCESS?

What helps you get 'out and about'?

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You are in the driving seat!!!



# Housing and Access

In 2010 HDFC was approached by Tracey Proudlock – an access consultant, local resident and member of Equality 2025 (a government think tank).

Tracey was employed to consult on the London Accessible Housing Register (right), and wanted HDFC to be the north London partner. We were delighted, and said “yes!”



**HARINGEY IS WHERE THE HEART IS**  
HDFC's new housing, planning and access sub-group  
**22nd September 2010 at 3.30pm**  
tel: 0208 885 4705 email: [mhairi@hwfonline.org.uk](mailto:mhairi@hwfonline.org.uk) to RSVP



“I'm an HDFC Housing Representative -  
who'd have thought it!”  
by Salli Booth – HDFC volunteer

“I imagined my first HDFC meeting would be serious, but (mainly) it was wheelchair accessible, and I hoped it would also be fun.

The meeting didn't disappoint; somehow I found myself signing-up for the Housing Group. My health makes me an unreliable “volunteer”; but, this didn't seem too demanding, and, perhaps, I could be useful. So far, it's been “interesting”.

Haringey Council are keen to speak to us; we are hopeful of forming a constructive working relationship. We have a voice; let's hope they listen.”

*Following the London Accessible Housing Register meeting it became clear Haringey needed an 'access group' – so HDFC set-up a sub-group to look at issues around housing, planning and access*

*Haringey Council's Strategic and Community Housing department have met with HDFC representative Salli. They also sent someone to our first sub-group meeting*

*We will meet with the council again about the accessible housing register in 2011*

# Volunteering

## HAVCO's Supported Volunteering Task Group

by Caroline Page – HDFC volunteer

"Haringey Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations received funding to enable them to research how best to set up a supported volunteer brokerage service to enable those with support needs to become active volunteers within Haringey.

Currently the skills of these people are under used... so we need to see what we can do to enable those with support needs to use their skills"

Soraya and Simon volunteer with the A-Team (below). Soraya (middle) now runs her own business, and Simon (far right) uses the gardening and supervisor experience he got while volunteering in his new job too!



Volunteering helps build confidence your CV

We need Mystery Shoppers! Please get in touch if you are interested

Volunteers contribute massively to HDFC by using their skills and experience to develop our work.



**TERRIBLE**



**TERRIFIC**

Our 'Mystery Shopper' service was designed and tested by volunteers. You rate 'respect' 'understanding', and 'responsiveness'. The form uses a simple scale (above). Reviews will be published so that you can make informed choices about services.

"Take things at your own pace. Building confidence doesn't happen overnight" **Simon**

"I keep all my skills up to date with the A-team and go on courses like health and safety" **Soraya**

## Events



### Haringey Independent Cinema HDFC and HWF

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 HIC will show 'Frida', highlighting the life of this interesting and inspirational disabled person, and promoting International Women's Day!

### Stroke Information Centre 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month Wood Green Public Library

The drop-ins provide Stroke survivors, their families and carers with information to help them achieve independent and fulfilling lives.