

Have your say on disability issues

People interested in disability issues can help to shape services in Tower Hamlets, thanks to the launch of a new local panel.

The Tower Hamlets Pan Disability Panel is inviting individuals, groups and organisations to register their interest and get involved.

Those who do will be given the chance to influence the way local services such as health, transport, housing, employment and independent living are designed and run.

Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Equalities at Tower Hamlets Council, Councillor Sirajul Islam, said: "This Panel will give local people a chance to share their views with the Council, and its partners, and have their voices heard. They can tell us what they need from their services and help ensure that we're providing the kinds of service that local people want."

How to get involved

Local people have a choice of how to get involved. They can join the general Pan Disability Panel but, rather than attending regular meetings, be involved by phone, email, questionnaire, e-consultation or any other accessible format.

Alternatively, they can take part in regular meetings, providing advocacy for other disabled people, giving advice and making recommendations to the Council and its partners. Pan Disability Panel subgroup themes include making Tower Hamlets - A Great Place to Live, Prosperous Community, Safe and Supportive Community and Healthy Community.

Councillor Islam added: "These groups are open to disabled people who live, work or socialise in the borough. In addition, we welcome service providers and representatives from other disability related forums, as well as carers of disabled adults or children. I hope lots of people will get involved."

To register your interest, please ask for a questionnaire from Claire Jackson by emailing cjackson@smsr.co.uk, or calling freephone 0800 1380845

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