

## LIP Have Moved!

You may have heard that LIP have moved premises—we are now based in Unity Business Centre, 26 Roundhay Road, LS7 1AB. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 regulations you will not be able to visit us yet, and our meetings will continue to take place on Zoom until it is safe for us to meet physically.



## Black Lives Matter Solidarity Statement

Leeds Involving People stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and we acknowledge the impact that structural and institutional racism has across the world. Such racism affects health, employment, education and many other systems. As a charity fighting for communities and decision-makers to have an equal place at the table, we will promote the rights of marginalised people, listen and learn by working directly with diverse people and meaningfully engaging them in the development and implementation of services across Leeds, and support and empower diverse people facilitating safe spaces where they can feel empowered to speak freely.

## Update from our members

Our members have been keeping busy in many different ways throughout the pandemic, including virtual choirs and wood carving! Get in touch with LIP to share what you've been doing and how you've been keeping positive.



Singing on Zoom



Wood Carving

## Leeds DEAForum / Barnsley Deaf Community

The Leeds DEAForum and Barnsley Deaf Community groups have been meeting on Zoom and discussing major issues such as how businesses can remain accessible to Deaf communities during COVID-19.



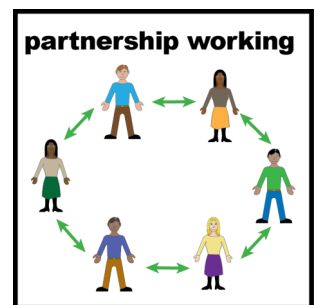
If you would like to be involved with Leeds DEAForum or Barnsley Deaf Community, contact Heather at LIP. Khalid is also available to offer Zoom training to the Deaf community on Thursdays at 2pm. If you need to be trained on Zoom, get in touch and we can help you.



## Leeds Mental Health Collaborative

Leeds Mental Health Collaborative brings lived experience, providers of services across all sectors and commissioners to work together to look at 'wicked issues' and find solutions. The collaborative has the ambition of ensuring coproduction and co-design is at the heart of all that it does.

For more information about how you can be involved in this new project for Leeds Involving People, get in touch with Jo.



## Visible Reference Group

LIP's Visible Reference Group meet monthly and continue to make a huge difference for Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors across Leeds. Visit <http://leedsinvolvement.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Visibles-Voice-Newsletter-July-2020.pdf> for their most recent newsletter or contact Alison to request a paper copy and for more information about the group and how you can be involved.

## LIP Coffee Morning

Come and talk with the LIP Team and other LIP members at our new Coffee Morning. Share what you've been up to, and how you've been keeping well during lockdown! The Coffee Morning will take place fortnightly from Wednesday 2nd September at 11:30am.

Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89009092148?pwd=YTZITThBU3ZZaDIISTQ1OEpRTFM4QT09>

Meeting ID: 890 0909 2148 / Password: 274062 / Dial 0800 031 5717 and enter details.

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## 100% Digital Leeds

LIP have been working and learning with 100% Digital Leeds to provide technology to our members who need it the most. For more information contact Sam at LIP, including if you can donate any equipment or offer peer support, and visit <https://digitalinclusionleeds.com/>

## Social Care Community Forum for Race Equality

The next meeting of the Community Forum will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd September at 5pm on Zoom. We will have speakers talking about Patient Participation Groups across Leeds and how you can be involved as well as Officers from Adults and Health discussing Black Lives Matter, COVID-19 impacts and responses and what the Council have done to combat these issues.

Register your attendance here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/social-care-community-forum-for-race-equality-tickets-119105256027>

## Patient Voices Group—Digitising Leeds

LIP continue to play a key role in this subgroup of the PVG, including assisting in the development of a briefing paper to highlight people's experiences in Leeds of the move to digitised health and care services during Covid-19 and pre-Covid-19.

For a copy of the paper get in touch! To see how you can be involved with the work the group is doing, contact Jagdeep at LIP.

## Acts 435

Acts 435 is an online giving charity, directly connecting those who want to give with those who are in genuine need of their help, through a network of local churches and charities.

For more info visit <https://acts435.org.uk/> or contact Alison at LIP if you require more information or know someone who could benefit from this project.

## Together We Can Steering Group

The Together We Can Steering Group is open to anyone with lived experience of mental health. The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th September at 1:30pm on Zoom. Amber Reid, Quality and Performance Senior Officer at Leeds Mind, will be coming along to discuss service user involvement. There will also be updates from members of the group as well as more information about the Mental Health Collaborative.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86587276023?pwd=OEIOYVlkdFRFd3NTUWNVMU1YZUIGUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 8727 6023 / Passcode: 882397 / Dial 0800 031 5717 and enter details.

## Better Lives Board

The Better Lives strategy is Leeds City Council's strategy for people with care and support needs. It helps them deliver the Council's overarching Health and Well-being strategy which aims for Leeds to be:

*"A healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest"*

The ambition of the Better Lives strategy is:

*"To ensure that people with care and support needs are able to have a fulfilling life"*

You can read more information here: <https://democracy.leeds.gov.uk/documents/s167070/Better%20Lives%20Refresh%20Report%20Appendix%2001111>

LIP run the Better Lives Board Service Users and Carers Group and ensure citizens of Leeds are at the table with decision-makers and have a key role in delivering on the Better Lives Strategy. If you would like to be involved with this group, get in touch with Jagdeep. At the moment the group is meeting virtually every six weeks.

## #GuruNanakWoodlands

Our brilliant Board member Prem Singh Duggal is involved with Friends of Guru Nanak Woodlands Leeds who are fundraising to plant 550 trees in Leeds celebrating Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary. Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikhism and promoted the universal message of One Creator (Ik Onkar) and equality. Planting is scheduled for mid November 2020. They will be organising a "Bring a Spade" day where supporters can come along and help with the planting. An opening ceremony will be arranged with a day for the community to come together and celebrate. (Subject to COVID-19 regulations.)

Donate to the fund here: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/plant-550-trees-leeds-guru-nanak-woodlands?utm\\_id=66&utm\\_term=vDZ8GxxKr](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/plant-550-trees-leeds-guru-nanak-woodlands?utm_id=66&utm_term=vDZ8GxxKr)

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