Coalition News Autumn 2026



Updates and activities for our members

Welcome to our newsletter! We're excited to share updates from the Surrey Coalition of Disabled People.

Nikki's Letter



Our **CEO** loves reflecting on our achievements over the past months. We've held many events and meetings.



Despite financial challenges, our team is committed to supporting our members and community.



Our **strategy** launched nearly a year ago, and we're making great progress.



We encourage everyone to join our in-person and virtual activities. It's a great way to connect.



We value your support and hope to see you at upcoming events. Thank you for being with us.

Update on our plans



Our **long term plans** include reaching more disabled people and increasing membership by 7%.



We're hosting more events to engage new members and have exciting plans for the coming years.

Our **Tech Angel** programme supports nearly 3000 members, helping them get online and feel confident.



We aim to involve more members in our activities and changes happening in Surrey.



We've introduced new events like the **Independent Mental Health Network** coffee meet-ups.



We've also visited exciting places like **Buckingham Palace** to engage our members.



Securing funding for at least 50% of our activities by 2028 is another key goal.



We've applied for multi-year funding, which will help us be more secure

Technology



Our **Tech Angels** project continues to support East Surrey residents, even with reduced funding.



Volunteers are crucial, helping people get online and navigate technology confidently.



Technology can help with staying connected, shopping online, and accessing information.



We work with various organisations to support digital skills and overcome challenges.



Generous donations have helped us provide equipment and guidance to those in need.

Tech Angels

Thank you to everyone who supports and spreads the word about **Tech Angels**.



If you or someone you know needs help with technology, please contact us.

Mental Health



Mental health is a priority for us, and we're grateful to our outgoing **FoCUS** Coordinator.



We're excited to welcome a new **FoCUS Coordinator, Wendy,** who will continue building on past successes.



Our focus is on listening to service users and carers to improve mental health services.



Co-production and lived experience are at the heart of our efforts to create positive change.



FoCUS meetings are open to carers and service users to share their experiences.



Regular meetings allow everyone to be involved, whether in person or virtually.

Involvement



Our **Involvement News** includes successful disability awareness training for food banks.



We're committed to improving accessibility in food banks and creating inclusive environments.



Our Bupa-funded events taught participants about using herbs for better health.



Campaigns focus on improving accessibility, awareness, and support for disabled people.



Issues like broadband access and healthcare accessibility are important to our members.



We gather feedback to address challenges and advocate for better services.

Fundraising



Fundraising efforts support projects like improving museum accessibility beyond requirements.



We work with museums to make them more inclusive for all visitors.



Our partners appreciate the insightful feedback from our members.



Training workshops for volunteers have sparked interest and discussions around accessibility.



Funding supports projects like improving audiology appointment accessibility.



We're grateful for local support from schools and businesses raising funds for us.



If you know any organisations that might support us as a charity partner, please reach out.

Events



We offer **weekly online events** like cafes, Glee Club, and quizzes for everyone to join.



Event schedules list upcoming activities for November, December, and January.



Upcoming events include **Winter Wonderwheels** and Christmas social gatherings.



Contact us anytime with questions or to get involved in our activities.



Our team is always happy to hear from you and support your needs.



We provide opportunities for volunteering and participation in various activities.



Your involvement and feedback help us continue improving and growing together.



Visit our website for more information on our work and how to get involved.



Thank you for supporting the Surrey Coalition of Disabled People and our mission.

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