

RSN Greater London August Notes

Updates from the Disability Unit

- RSN Chairs and DU Monthly meeting took place 29 July 1.30-3pm. Zara Todd met with the Chairs to update on the work of the independent Disability Advisory Panel. She welcomed any issues the RSNs may wish to raise to the panel so we could enlist their leverage along with ours.
- RSN Chairs to send DU their ~~top~~ 3 RSN priority themes by region by *1 September*. I created a page [RSN London Themes](#) to gather our thoughts, but the ones we had discussed to date included:
 - Social care for disabled adults
 - Mental healthcare act
 - Unpaid carers and their rights as workers
 - SMI alongside disabilities
 - Lifelong lack of independence making language and the push to economic value oppressive
 - Others to come
- The next theme is **Access to Work (*July to October*)**. Initial thoughts were discussed at the DU-RSN Chair meeting on 23

September, ahead of a high level 4 minute verbal summary per region at the Minister Timms-RSN Chair meeting in October (date TBC). Detailed written feedback to be collated and sent to DU by 25 September. The RSN can cover what they would like on the theme, however DWP have listed what it would be useful for the RSN to consider providing feedback on (see the document of minutes from the meeting for details).

- The following theme is afterwards is the **Plan for Disability**, which we expect to run in autumn 2026 (exact timings on this are to be confirmed).

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We have two new members - Lora Noncheva and Ian Fenn. They both bring loads of lived experience and knowledge to our membership. I'll ask them if they'd like to intro themselves in our call.

I am testing digital tools as mentioned last month.

Thanks to Michele, I was reminded our old email list was stopped when I moved off Google Workspace. This is now reinstated with my

newer email provider, Proton. You will have been invited to a new email list, please do accept.

All email sent to the list email address below will be distributed to all members of that list, including replies to it.

members@rsngreaterlondon.org.uk

For collecting feedback to specific topics like our themes, I have set up another go with Etherpad, a collaborative web page to gather views on Access to Work, our current theme for the Minister. We used this for the PIP Review a while back. This can be accessed at any time of your convenience at this link:

https://rsn-pad.pikapod.net/p/RSN_Greater_London_Access_To_Work_Pad

In terms of keeping notes and documents, I'm trying out this wiki, which is a collaborative website that all logged in people can view, navigate, edit and add comments. It uses a books metaphor.

You use your email address and your first name-last name (all one word) as the password. Do change your password afterwards.

[RSN Greater London](#) is our bookshelf, which holds books for [Meeting Notes](#), [Ministerial Themes](#), [RSN London Themes](#), [RSN Greater London Info](#). Each book has pages such as what you're reading now. You can navigate using the menu visible at all times, and see where you are with the breadcrumbs at the top. It should be a straightforward structure.

On each page, there are Actions on the left to edit, watch for changes, or add a page.

You can add comments by highlighting text and clicking on the chat balloon in the little pop up that appears, or just click add a comment at the bottom of the page.

Just [email me](#) with any questions or help.

<https://ddl-bookstack.pikapod.net/shelves/rsn-greater-london>

Another is a discussion forum, which is a way to keep messages or posts in structured channels for multiple discussions and feedback to issues at the same time, but without the need for real time chat as in WhatsApp.

Link TBC

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