



# Staffordshire Sight Loss

## Newsletter July 2018

Welcome to our second newsletter, Staffordshire Sight Loss Association is up and running and going from strength to strength; we have set up a regular social group in Hanley and we held our first all day Art Event in early June. It's exciting times ahead and we look forward to offering the following services to you in the next few months and we hope to increase our services further in the not too distant future.

### **Community Support Service**

We have created a new Community Support Service which could help you with the following if you live in Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle or the Staffordshire Moorlands:

- Advice and information
- Benefits advice
- Help with form filling
- Applications for funding for equipment
- Advice about concessions
- Support with housing issues...
- ...plus more

If you need some support but are unsure if we can assist please get in touch and if it is not our area of expertise we will do our best to refer you to someone who can help.

If you would like to book an appointment please call or email us, our contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

## **Art event**

Our eagerly anticipated Art Event took place at All Saints Church Hall, Leek road on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June and was a great success with many people attending to try out a diverse range of arts and crafts including tile making, modelling with Polymer clay, rag rugging, wire craft, card making, textured painting and decorating paper mache boxes and photo frames. There were refreshments throughout the day and a tantalizingly tasty buffet at lunch time with plenty of opportunities for social interaction, the day was enjoyed by all those involved.

A big thankyou to everyone who attended and to those who volunteered to make the day a great success, we hope to deliver a regular art and craft class very soon and will keep everyone updated in due course.

## **Social Group**

Our first social group took place on June the 13<sup>th</sup> and attracted great interest, future topics and speakers were discussed as the tea and coffee flowed and biscuits were munched on.

Our social group currently takes place roughly every two weeks on a Wednesday in the JRR Tolkien room upstairs at Hanley Library between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Talks and activities coming up are:

July 11<sup>th</sup> - Interactive local history session with Mervyn Edwards

July 25<sup>th</sup> - Candle making with Sandy from Spiral Crafts

August 8<sup>th</sup> – TBC

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – TBC

## September 12<sup>th</sup> - Art Brazil Drumming Session

The cost is a donation of £1.00 per session to go towards refreshments. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for future themes or activities for our social groups let us know your thoughts.

### **User Feedback Group**

Starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July we are pleased to announce the first User feedback group which will give you the opportunity to voice your opinions and help guide the shape that Staffordshire Sight loss Association will take in the future. Without you this cannot happen so join us between 1.30pm and 3pm at the WRVS, Charles Street, Hanley (next to Iceland) in the Lavender room, Refreshments will be provided and everybody is welcome. Future meetings will be held quarterly

### **Regular Newsletter**

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### **Volunteering**

Do you have any free time to spare?  
Would you like to meet new people and to learn new skills?  
And be part of a fun and friendly team?  
If so, have you considered volunteering?  
We have a variety of volunteer roles available, training will be given & travel expenses provided. Contact us for more information.

**Find us on Social Media**



Look us up on twitter @SightLossStaffs

We are also on Facebook, search for Staffordshire Sight Loss Association where we now also have a closed group for sharing ideas and engaging in conversation.

### **Data protection**

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