

# **Staffordshire Sight Loss Association**

## **May 2018 Newsletter**

We are very excited to bring to you our very first newsletter! Staffordshire Sight Loss Association is now a registered charity and after much planning we are pleased to tell you about the following services:

### **Community Support Service**

We are piloting 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 help please get in touch and if it is not our area of expertise we will try to find 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.

## **New Social Groups**

We have a regular social group starting on the 13th June from 10.30am til 12.30pm. The group will meet in the JRR Tolkien Room at Hanley Library on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from June until October and then the 1st and 4th Wednesday during November and December.

We want to bring you an interesting and exciting mixture of speakers and activities and really want you as a group to decide what activities you would like to try (we have a list of suggestions!). Some activities will incur a charge of no more than £2 per session, others sessions will be free.

Get in touch to tell us your ideas or for more information and please see the attached schedule of dates for the rest of the year. Yummy refreshments will be provided.

## **Arts and Craft Event**

Join us on Saturday 9th June from 10 am until 4pm at All Saints Church Hall for an exciting Arts and Crafts Event called The Art Buffet. At the event you will be able to try a range of arts and crafts accessible for all. The event is free to attend and lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend or family member and they will be more than welcome to join in also. This event is for all ages!

**The address is:**

**All Saints Church Hall, Leek Road,**

## **Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3HJ**

Booking is essential so that we can make sure we have enough art materials and food!

We plan to use this event as a taster session with a view to delivering further Arts and Crafts sessions in the future.

### **Join our Customer Group**

Can you spare an hour or so every 2-3 months?

Would you like to play a part in shaping our future services?

Then why not join our customer group and feed in your ideas and experiences to help to make our charity the best that it can be, we are, after all here for you!

### **Regular Newsletter**

If you have picked this newsletter up somewhere why not sign up to receive it monthly in a format that suits you by contacting us using the details at the bottom of this newsletter

### **Volunteering**

Do you have free time to spare?

Would you like to meet new people and to learn new skills?

If so, have you considered volunteering?

We have a variety of volunteer roles available, training will be provided. Please get in touch for more information.



## **Find us on Social Media**

Look us up on twitter @SightLossStaffs  
Facebook page coming soon.

**And finally an important note about Data Protection... although we would love to keep in touch with you, if you would like to continue to receive our newsletter, we are unable to store your contact details without your explicit consent. This is due to an upcoming change to data protection laws that takes effect from 25th May 2018.**

**You must give us your consent either via email or via a signed form or letter, you can email us at [suzanne.roberts001@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.roberts001@gmail.com) or alternatively complete and sign the enclosed form and return to:**

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**Come and Try our New Social Group!  
Starts Wednesday 13th June  
Hanley Library in the J.R.R Tolkien  
Room**

Meet people, listen to interesting speakers and try new activities decided by you!

Further dates:

13th June	27th June
11th July	25th July
8th August	22nd August
12th September	26th September
10th October	24th October
7th November	21st November
5th December	19th December

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