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Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Newsletter: June 2021



Getting accommodation right for people with disabilities

Our forum is currently feeding into a new accommodation strategy for people with disabilities in Rochdale. Thank you to everyone who filled in the recent survey we posted on Facebook. Meetings will follow shortly and we'll let you know when if you'd like to attend.

Some of our members already have experience working on accommodation with the Local Authority and previously we have stressed issues such as:

- single people with disabilities should be offered their own garden space as they might not find it easy to access parks
- single people with disabilities should be offered decent sized kitchens with space for a washing machine, tumble drier, fridge freezer, ironing board and vacuum cleaner. *Single people with disabilities tend to be offered small kitchens in single storey accommodation with no under stairs storage. In reality they may do more laundry than a typical single person and find supermarket shopping very stressful.*
- people with disabilities may need dedicated parking in built up areas so they can park near the property and staff can also park their cars close by.



Rochdale Town Hall renovations

Because of **our** input, the new Changing Place is now going to be on the ground floor at Rochdale Town Hall. This means that people will not need to use the small lift to access it (as originally suggested in the plans). Other changes have been agreed as a result of our input but they are too numerous to mention here. Please contact us if you would like more details by emailing RochdalePCV@outlook.com

The 'School is difficult' survey

Andy is a 24 year old man and the founder of Spectrum Gaming - an online community for autistic people under the age of 18. Spectrum Gaming was launched on 1st June 2020 as a result of the pandemic and is now an official charity.

One common theme within this community is difficulty attending school. A lot of their members are out of education and others really struggle with school-based anxiety. After recognising this theme, their young people wanted to make sure education settings know why education is difficult for them and what can be done about it, so together they launched the 'School is Difficult' project.

They are gathering the views of young people with SEND, parent carers, neurodivergent adults and professionals on their experiences of the education system. They will use the results of this survey to create resources and recommendations on how to make the education system work for these young people going forward.

Complete the survey: <https://www.schoolisdifficult.co.uk>



Come and have a chat with us...

email us at RochdalePCV@outlook.com if you would like to attend as places are limited.



We need passionate forum members to volunteer their time, ideas and expert knowledge to shape the future for children and young people across Rochdale. We need fabulous people to attend meetings, represent parents on job interview panels and help us with lots of events and schemes. Could it be you?

If you would like to get involved, please email us at RochdalePCV@outlook.com



Jargon Buster: Advocate/advocacy

When talking about disability, an *advocate* is someone who speaks on behalf of people with disabilities.

Advocacy is a process of supporting and enabling people to:

- express their views
- access information and services
- find out about options and make decisions
- and secure their rights.

Taken from: <https://www.dpa.org.sg>

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What would you like to see more of? What things should we be looking into?

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