



## **People First newsletter**

**December 2023**

**Dear member,**

Before the end of 2023 I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2024.

As we near the end of this year we are looking forward to 2024 and some exciting new projects, a few events that are happening early next year are mentioned in this newsletter.

There have been lots of changes to the way we work since the pandemic. We don't use the office as much as we used to, so we have decided to close the office and book rooms as we need them.

This will not only save some money, but it will mean we can be more flexible in how we work.

## Some highlights from 2023 include:



- Launching our new website
- Joining the Disabled People's Organisations (DPO) Forum
- Running monthly online meetings for self-advocates around the country
- Facilitating online training and an in-person programme for self-advocates in Nepal
- Starting a big review of our Easy Read Picture Bank
- Attending monthly NHSE webinars for learning disability and autism partner
- Receiving funding to strengthen network across London and develop accessible Management Committee training for self-advocacy organisations
- Increasing our easy read translation and training work

Wishing all of our members and supporters a very Happy New Year.



**Andrew Lee,  
People First Director**



## Transport for London project – survey and network

People First (Self Advocacy) and BILD are working with Transport for London (TFL) to find out what people with learning difficulties, disabilities and autistic people think about travelling in London.

What are the barriers to getting around and what would make things easier.



We want to hear from people who use transport in London (whether they live in London or not) about how we can make travelling easier for people with learning difficulties, disabilities and autistic people.

**Please follow this link to answer some questions**  
[bit.ly/TravellnLondon](https://bit.ly/TravellnLondon)



You can also scan this **QR code** with the camera on your mobile phone.

If you would like any support to answer our questions, please contact [info@peoplefirstltd.com](mailto:info@peoplefirstltd.com)

# TfL Lived Experience Network



We will be supporting the new advisory group in 2024 and the first meeting is on **Friday 2nd February**.



If you are interested in being a member of the group, you can find out more about it on our website or email [info@peoplefirstted.com](mailto:info@peoplefirstted.com)



**Trust  
for London**



## **Disability Justice Fund event 22.01.23**

The first round of Disability Justice Fund grants was awarded in 2023.

The fund is a partnership between Trust for London and the City Bridge Foundation that aims to give Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations a stronger voice and more power to fight for and experience a fair society.

Round 2 of the fund was launched in November 2023. The deadline for applications is **4th March 2024**.

People First is working with Trust for London to encourage and support more organisations led by people with learning difficulties to apply.



We are running an event on **Friday 22nd January 2024 1pm - 4:30pm** for people who want to find out more about the fund and how to apply.

**Find out more or to book visit our website here:**

<https://www.peoplefirstltd.com/articles/trust-for-london-disability-justice-fund>



## **Love, Sex and Relationships workshop - 30.01.24**

We are running our second workshop on Love, Sex and Relationships for people with learning difficulties, disabilities and autism in Lambeth. The theme for the workshop is consent.



**Date:** Tuesday 30th January 2024

**Time:** 1pm – 4pm

**Venue:** 336 Brixton Road, London, SW9 7AA

Meeting face-to-face. To book or to find out more email [samantha.johnson@peoplefirstltd.com](mailto:samantha.johnson@peoplefirstltd.com)

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