

New group aims to give disabled people a greater say in city life

The Partnership Council, a charity based in Hyson Green, Nottingham, is launching a new Disabled Persons' Forum on Thursday, 26th February 2009.

The new forum will be free to attend and is open to anyone living with a disability, plus carers for disabled people. Andrew Richardson will run the forum, he explains:

"We're launching the forum to provide a platform for disabled people and carers to get together, socialise, share common interests and hopefully tackle many of the day-to-day issues that affect the lives of people living with a disability."

The first meeting will be held from 4pm to 6pm at the Partnership Council, 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5JA on Thursday 26th February and will be used to discuss the new forum's aims and objectives.

Andrew is also hoping to invite guest speakers along to this and future forum meetings. If you, or your organisation, have information, advice or guidance, that may help those living with a disability, please get in touch with Andrew. Andrew is also offering forum members the chance to learn basic British Sign Language free of charge.

The Partnership Council runs several forums including the Children's Forum, which is aimed at primary school age children and an Older Persons' Forum, set up to give older people a say about life in their neighbourhood. The forums aim to bring members together with service providers such as the Police and Nottingham City Council so that organisations can work directly with local people to improve services.

To find out more about the Disabled Persons' Forum please contact Andrew by emailing andrew@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

You can also text Andrew on 07508 042868 (Andrew is deaf so please text rather than call.)

To find out more about the Partnership Council's other forums please contact Ruth Greenberg on 0115 970 8200 or email ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

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