

Penderels Trust

Opening the Door to Independent Living

Newsletter

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Welcome to a 'mini' version of our newsletter in advance of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This newsletter arrives in a time of continuing change and innovation in the social care personalisation agenda. This is both exciting and challenging for all of us - local authorities, Penderels Trust and people receiving care funding - as we all learn to adapt to new ways of working. Increased choice and control is very much being placed in your hands – Penderels Trust has listened to and acted on the many suggestions you've made over the years as to how we can improve the support we offer to you.

We have many new and exciting developments ready to launch.

These include our unique payroll/insurance bundle (a cost effective package of essentials for anyone employing a personal assistant), improved support for managing your money, 'how to' video guides on our website and an enhanced online presence (including our new Twitter account!).



We rely on feedback from the people who use our services and there are many different ways in which you can be involved in shaping the support you receive. We hope you will continue to let us have your thoughts and ideas as we support each other through the exciting times ahead.

Paul Reynolds - Director of Operations

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This year's AGM is taking place on Thursday 21st October 2010 at The Oak Tree Centre, Coventry. Enclosed with this newsletter is your invite to this event. We will be officially launching our new logo and some exciting new services we are now offering. We look forward to seeing you there!



Peter Henson

All the staff and trustees at Penderels Trust were saddened to hear of the passing of Peter Henson on 27th July 2010. Peter was a valued member of our board of trustees and his contribution to the ongoing development of the organisation was greatly appreciated. He always approached his involvement with Penderels Trust with enthusiasm and was dedicated to the continuous improvement of our services. He will be missed by all who worked with him. Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this time.

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Keep up-to-date with our services and new developments by signing up to our regular news bulletins at

newsletter@penderelstrust.org.uk.

If you would prefer to receive your newsletters electronically, please e-mail us at this address.

All About People (AAP)

Our biggest venture this year is to launch a new company that provides a cost effective and reliable way of recruiting personal assistants. This new company is called All About People and we will be launching it at our Annual General Meeting.



Your ideas for your newsletter

Your newsletter is changing and we want your ideas and suggestions about what you want to see included (and what you don't!). Would you like to read about other Penderels Trust customers and their tips for anything from great holidays to a useful website they've found? Would you like to tell us about your experiences that would be of interest to other readers? Please let us know what you want to see in your newsletter.

We also need a name for your newsletter – have you got any good ideas? We'll pick the best from our reader suggestions.

Please send your ideas and suggestions to newsletter@penderelstrust.org.uk or by post to the head office address (below).



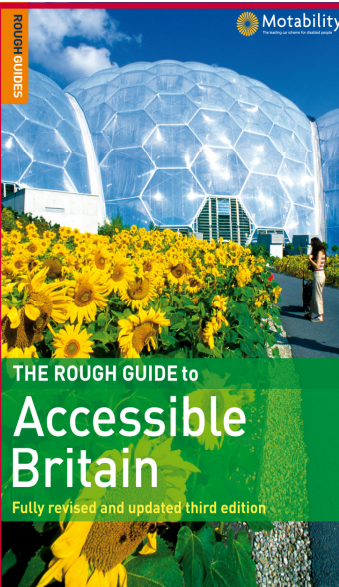
£1000 on offer to employers of Personal Assistants

As part of the Government's plan to tackle unemployment of young people, direct payment recipients who recruit a personal assistant and meet certain criteria will be eligible for Care First Careers Funding. The personal assistant must:

- Be aged between 18-24 years old
- Have been claiming Jobseekers Allowance continuously for 26 weeks or more.
- Remain in the employment of the direct payment user for more than six months and work on average of over 16 hours per week.
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If these criteria are satisfied, you, as the employer, will receive £1000 to add to your care funding or as directed by your Local Authority. £500 is paid when the personal assistant starts employment with the final payment of £500 being paid after 26 weeks of employment. For further information, visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk and type in 'care first careers' in their search engine.



New Rough Guide to Accessible Britain

Packed with 180 inspiring and worry-free days out, the Rough Guide to Accessible Britain is an invaluable travel guide for anyone with accessibility needs. All have been reviewed by a dedicated team of disabled visitors, providing information and advice that you can trust. To order your copy (which is free to blue badge or disabled railcard holders), please visit www.accessibleguide.co.uk

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