

Launch of Disabled People's Co-op By The Dudley Centre for Inclusive Living



Dudley CIL is to host meetings this May for Disabled People and their organisations. These meetings will be to gauge interest in establishing a co-op in Dudley.

What is a co-op?

A co-op is when some people agree to join together and work collectively to run an organisation or business.

What is the proposed Cop-op going to do?

The new co-op will:

- Help Disabled People in the Co-op who get Direct Payments and Individual Budgets or
- Who use their own money to employ staff to:
 - Recruit new workers
 - Pay staff
 - Deal with the Inland Revenue about Tax and National Insurance
 - Arrange cover for staff who are off due to sickness, holidays, etc.
 - Deal with grievance, disciplinary and other personnel/HR issues
 - Act as the employer where Disabled People do not want to do this but still want to keep control over how they live their lives
 - Provide training and other development opportunities for Disabled People and their staff.

Why is it important to come to a meeting about the co-op?

This co-op will only happen if Disabled People and their organisations in Dudley do something about it.

- If you think it is a good idea
- If you are a Disabled Person who wants help with managing and employing your staff and
- You are willing to help set the co-op up and share responsibility for making sure it does what its members want it to

You need to get involved and tell Dudley CIL what you think.

Where and when are the Meetings?

- **Monday 13th May** – There will be a meeting for Disabled People (and those whom they employ) who might want to be members of the co-op or who want

to find out more about it.

This meeting is at:

Stourbridge Community Fire Station
Parkfield Road
Stourbridge
DY8 1HA

2-4pm

To book a place, you can contact us on **0114 225 8676**, or use this eventbrite website link: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/6462610843>

- **Tuesday 14th May** –There will be two separate meetings. One is a meeting for Disabled People (and those whom they employ) who might want to be members of the co-op or who want to find out more about it. The other is a meeting for organisations which currently provide support to Disabled People who receive Direct Payments or Individual Budgets, to see how they can help to support the co-op.

Both of these meetings will be at:

Jubilee Room
Queens Cross Network
Wellington Road
Dudley
DY1 1RB

10-12pm (For Disabled People and those whom they employ)

12.30-1.30pm (For Organisations)

To book a place, you can contact us on **0114 225 8676**, or use this eventbrite website link: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/6463066205>

If you cannot come to a meeting but still have something to say, you can complete our questionnaire on Survey Monkey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MBDFF39> or call us for help to fill in the questionnaire during office hours on freephone:

0800 073 0405.

All questionnaires must be filled in and returned by 15th May 2013.



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