

Steering Group Election

This is your chance to decide
who will sit on the Hull LINK
Steering Group!

In this pack you will find:

- Information about the election
- Ballot registration forms
- Ballot paper for Hull LINK Steering Group candidates
- Candidates' personal statements

Please ensure that your ballot paper and ballot registration forms are returned by
5:00pm on Monday 7th December 2009



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Information about the Election



The Steering Group is the body that manages the work programme of Hull LINK and decides how its budget is spent. It is accountable to members of the LINK. It acts on recommendations from the members of the LINK and the local community and helps to set priorities for the LINK.

There are 4 available places on the Steering Group, two for individual LINK members and two for voluntary and community group members. In this pack you will find:

- Personal statements from candidates
- Ballot Paper
- Ballot Registration form

When casting your vote please bear in mind the need for the Steering Group to reflect the diverse community of the city, and to take account of health and social care issues.

If you are voting on behalf of a group please try to involve your group members in your decision. Further copies of the personal statements can be supplied on request, and are also available on our website.

All members of the LINK, both individuals and groups, can vote in the election. Each group can only vote once.

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John Lawrence

Personal Statement:

I am 75 years old and fit and want to continue working. I started out my life in the army in boys services with a good basic knowledge, and at 17 years of age I went abroad. In all cases I had to learn some of their language, which also helped me to converse with most people. When I came out of the army I worked for 3 years in my own business. I then joined the Hull University in 1960 and became a safety officer and also the membership secretary for the union, retiring after 29 years. I then took up the first Hull Community Network (Graduates) course in 2003. During this time I learnt a lot about Hull City Council and all the different organisations involved. When the HCN was closed down I immediately jumped in and became a member of the LINK.

As LINKs will be looking at hospitals and doctors' services I immediately joined the medical groups as soon as I could, list as follows so far. 1. NHS Hull. 2. Primary Care Trust. 3. Northern Area Mental Health and Well Being. 4. I ran a Diabetic Group as Chairman for a year in the Newhall Surgery, then (Acorn) in O.P.E. but now both are closed down. 5. I am on the Patients Committee at Newhall Surgery North Hull. 6. Northern Area Partnership. 7. A member of Castle Hill Humber Mental Health Team. 8. Completed a Mental Health First Aid Course. 9. I am also in the Hull Customer Panel and now The Hull Citizens Panel. This year I became a Carer and passed both shock and heart attack courses, and also completed the NHS chemists opening times at night which LINKs were asked to do.

Dharamjit Kaur Chan

Personal Statement:

At present I am a volunteer at Goole hospital whereby I provide help and assistance to disabled people from the local community. I have also completed training at the Northern College, Barnsley in Nurses Community Development. I also volunteer with the University of Lincoln (Hull) with the SUPA Group whereby I provide help to overseas students and new students who need help. I also run my own project called SAI Communications Disabled Children's Society.

I am currently doing a course in Business Support Management. Through my volunteer work I have gained over three years work in the community and always seek to do my best to help those that need it.

Mr Gurbax Singh Chana

Personal Statement:

I am from Uganda, East Africa. I moved to the UK in 1972 and worked for Public Services London Transport. Due to illness I had to take early retirement. For the last 9 years I have been working with local communities as a volunteer and am the East Yorkshire Trustee/Chairman for the Rights and Choice Physical Disabilities and Mobility Coalition. I have completed training in scooter and wheelchair safety and am a guide to those that need help from the local community.

I have experience from Headrow Housing that provides support to tenants and their families when they need help. I also provide help to overseas students and families at the SUPA group at the University of Lincoln (Hull).



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Pam Quick

Personal Statement:

I have been employed as a Registered General Nurse, a Community Midwifery Sister, a Post-Graduate Research Assistant, and a College Lecturer in Health and Social Care (where I taught students from different educational levels from Learning Difficulties to Advanced level).

I now work part-time with the University of Lincoln (Hull) as a member of the SUPA (Service User Participation Advisory) Group which is the Service User and Carer Involvement within the Social Work Student (both undergraduate and post graduate) courses. I am also involved in commenting on the documentation being prepared for new registrations for Health and Social Care starting in 2010 with the Care Quality Commission. I am an Expert by Experience working with CSCI (Social Care Inspectorate) visiting or phoning service users at inspection and finding out if their care and support is to a standard that I would expect for myself. I contribute to the report that is written. I am also self-employed.

As a volunteer I work with Hull and East Riding NHS in two areas: the Patient Environment Action Team as a Lay Member, and Chair of the Orthotic Support Group; Member of Hull City Council's Disability Focus Group; Board Member for Choices and Rights Coalition.

I am passionate from my experience and knowledge as a Nurse, Midwife, Lecturer, Service User and Patient, that everyone given Health and Social Care Services has a right to

be treated as an individual and that individuals are given the rights, care and support for quality of life. I believe that everyone who does not have a voice may be given the opportunity to help improve their own treatment and those of others. It is essential that those providing care and health services receive feedback to improve their skills.

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Cornerhouse To be represented by Tish Lamb

Personal Statement:

I have been involved in the voluntary sector for over 20 years either as a volunteer, a trustee or paid member of staff. I am currently manager of Cornerhouse, and as such have a keen interest in health and social care issues in Hull.

As part of my role I am involved in a number of strategic meetings including the Teenage Conception Task Group, Sexual Health Modernisation Forum and One Hull's Partnership Board. I am also Chair of Riverside Area Partnership. Through this variety of meetings I feel I am able to understand complicated materials as well as relate these to the communities I work with. In my day to day work, Cornerhouse is involved in delivering services to a wide and diverse range of people, including young people, BME and LGBT communities. As a result of this I feel that I am able to have a good understanding of a wide range of issues affecting all communities of Hull.

I believe very strongly of the rights for local people to be involved in the decision making processes of the city. I see LINKs as one of the vehicles that can help local people address their own health and social care priorities and not just ones that are laid out by government.

Part of my role involves being able to communicate well with both grass roots users of services as well as consultants, area

directors, public health and others within the NHS and local authority. I strive to ensure that information gathered at meetings is fed back to people and that they also have an opportunity to have their voices heard. I feel that continuing to be part of LINK will enable me to have a broader perspective and opportunity to involve those concerned with both health and social care.

Shopmobility To be represented by Terry Diment

Personal Statement:

I am disabled and have been a member of Shopmobility for 4 years. I have been a Board Member for 2 years and I also volunteer for Shopmobility. I have been a chairperson since 2009. I think I could bring more information back to Shopmobility for which it could help our members for the near future.

Stadium Community Residents Action Group To be represented by Michael Rouse-Deane

Personal Statement:

In 2000 I suffered a major illness which at that time was not accepted by my then current employers. Since then I changed my way of life. I have held positions on the following; Finance, Education, Planning, Goole Port Authority, Pest Control Yorkshire, Health Licensing, and the Humber Bridge Board. I am a School Governor at the following schools; Sydney Smith (Chair of Finance), Paisley

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Primary (Chair of Finance), Schoolgirls Mums Unit (Chair of Governors), Ainthorpe Primary and Wheeler Street Primary.

Due to my disability I have been involved in Master Strokes and have issued some of their periodic magazines.

I have attended HAIG/DRG Group meetings and have got involved in disability access issues.

I am on the Management Board of Disability & Rights Coalition based at Tiverton House, Hill.

I am on the Executive Board and on the Trust of the Freetown Society, and have held a term as Vice Chair, which deals with the issues in Sierra Leone and the recent Wilberforce 2007 activities.

I am also on the local PCC of St Matthews Church as their Treasurer.

I take an active interest in issues of Equalities and Diversity, disabled/transgender issues within the community, and am a director of Gendershift.com.

In 2007 I also took a vested interest in Hull Community Network and became one of their graduates. Recently, I was re-instated for a further term of office on the Management Committee of Edinburgh Street Community Association.

I have undertaken the Mental Health First Aid course in February 2009 this year, at Endsleigh College. I am involved and attend LINK meetings in Kingston Upon Hull and as a NHS member. In June 2009 I became an

Independent Member of the West Area Housing Board and currently attend Lincoln University in Hull studying for the Housing Academy Certification.

Choices & Rights Coalition To be represented by Karen Stretton

Personal Statement:

I believe I have the skills and knowledge to effectively carry out the role of Hull LINK. I have always been interested in health and social care and am passionate about these services being accessible to all members of society.

At university I studied Health and Social Care Policy. In a professional capacity I have worked for Hull Social Services in roles varying from Home Care Assistant to managing a residential care home. This has been with various user groups including older people and people with learning and physical disabilities. I have also worked for Humberside Probation Service with offenders.

I have been involved in empowering individuals to voice their opinions, or where this has not been possible, to advocate on their behalf, for all my working life.

During this time I have gained a lot of knowledge about issues facing local people in the area of health and social care. Since becoming disabled myself, I have first hand experience of the challenges and frustrations as well as the positive aspects of the services being provided in Hull.

In a voluntary capacity I have run a youth

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Group for people with and without physical disabilities. This involved organising weekly activities, holidays and fundraising. At present I am volunteering for Choices and Rights Disability Coalition and am involved in attending meetings, writing reports, answering enquiries from the public and working on discrimination issues.

I have already been involved in the Hull LINK interim Steering Group and the elected Steering group for the past year. I would love the opportunity to continue the work of the LINK that I have been involved in, particularly as a qualified Enter and View representative and as a member of the Cancer Care Sub-Group.

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**Closing date for return of
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Monday 7th December 2009

5:00pm

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