

## Adults with Learning Differences

Newsletter

FEBRUARY

2025

## Welcome Back!

NEW COURSES, NEW IDEAS...

Dear Colleagues,

A – belated – Happy New Year! College kicked off in January, with courses packed to the gunnels! New additions this term include a collaboration with **Soundabout**, who are running a music course on Friday mornings at our Witney campus. The course was extremely popular and places filled very quickly.

With this in mind we'll be talking to **Soundabout** about running more courses with us in the future.

soundabout

make music change lives

I know they're very busy but watch this space.

Also, we launched an employment-based project at the Pump House Project in Faringdon, see more on the next page.

Best wishes, Lee Humber ALD Coordinator





#### Key Dates



**'BETTER TOGETHER' TWO-DAY CONFERENCE** 28TH - 29TH MAY 10AM - 3PM

**TERM STARTS:** 13TH JANUARY

HALF TERM: 24TH - 28TH FEBRUARY

TERM ENDS: 28TH MARCH

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#### New Initiatives in 2025 WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!



We're running a two-day '**Better Together**' conference in May, building on the friendships we established through last year's event.

Also, we are trialling courses and events focused on developing employment-based opportunities.



With regard to the conference, we'll be inviting national speakers to talk about key learning disability issues and we'll be running more 'Have a Go' sessions. We'll also try to put on a 'Student-only' session. Let us know what you think. With regard to employment-based opportunities, we've begun a course based in Faringdon, at the **Pump House Project.** Students are working there, cooking and serving food to Faringdon's older people's community.



It's a partnership with lots of potential and we'd like to draw the lessons from it with a view to expanding. Thoughts on this, and other, employment ideas will be welcomed.



#### **Student Achievements**

This section celebrates some of our learners' achievements.



Having fun at the ALD Christmas Party



Serving at the Pump House Project



Team photo against Swindon, where the Oxford inclusion squad came out on top.

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# Publication News

HAVE YOUR SAY



**Disability Rights UK:** 

"<u>Misleading", "rushed",</u> and "unfair" consultation <u>on work capability</u> assessment reforms declared unlawful – an important victory for Disabled people

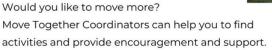
### The Kings Fund>

The King's Fund, 08/01/25:

<u>The health and care</u> outlook for 2025





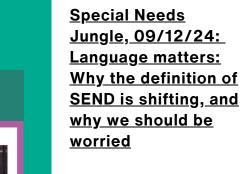


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Special Needs Jungle, 28/01/25: Renewed petition to SCRAP SEND Safety Valve and write off council High Needs debt

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**Disabled children are** 

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rights isn't the answer

to the SEND crisis

11/12/24:

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