



**IDEAL
FOR ALL**

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a chance for members to have their 'voice' heard. Find out about our progress over the last year and help us shape the next 12 months.

Our AGM will be held digitally on Thursday 28th January 2021, 11am-12 noon via Zoom, to which all members are cordially invited.

Please confirm your attendance by **emailing IFA** with subject line 'IFA AGM', or calling us on 0121 558 5555 Option 4. We can support you to take part online.



Grow for Work given the Green Light!

This year has really shown, how important being out in the fresh air, getting active through gardening or just enjoying the outdoors is for supporting positive health and wellbeing.

We have lots of activities you can get involved in to stay well or meet new friends at our gardens and online.

Come and join one of our December 'Crafternoon' sessions. We are operating as COVID secure and safely welcome people to our 3 community garden sites.

Handmade Festive Wreaths for just £8.00.

Contact our team for more information on how to order and collect your handmade festive wreath. You can order via **email, Facebook** or call us on 0121 558 5555 option 3.

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Disability and Health Provider

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We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the prestigious national ERSA Employability Awards 2020 as Disability and Health provider of the year.

The award recognises Ideal for All's exceptional commitment in supporting jobseekers with disabilities and health conditions to achieve sustained employment and celebrates the achievements of disabled people. Well Done to the team!

Our **Direct Payment Service** has continued to support residents with their personal budgets in partnership with several local authorities and CCGs. We are carrying out “home visits” differently in these strange times. We continue our support via phone and other remote solutions.

At the start of the pandemic there was an increase in providing information, advice & guidance on PPE, shielding and employment legislation affecting Direct Payment Recipients and their personal assistants. A big thank you to all the care staff providing invaluable support in our communities.

Please contact DPS@idealforall.co.uk for support and information on Direct Payments.

Useful Information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-immunisation-for-social-care-staff/personal-care-assistants-guidance-for-free-flu-vaccination#>:

Specialist Employment

Do you need help to find a job? Whether you are facing redundancy, newly unemployed or have been out of work for a while, get in touch with our team to talk about how we can help.

Our specialist employment support team are available to offer you information, advice and guidance on welfare benefits, your future career aspirations and support you to access suitable training options.

Contact us now on 0121 558 5555 option 2 or [email](#) or message us on [facebook](#) or [twitter](#)

WANTED!

We are looking for 5 new trustees to join our team.

- Do you have a lived experience of the barriers disabled people face?
- Are you a resident in Sandwell?
- Can you give 2 hours a month of your time to the role?

Trustees use their skills and experience to support charities to achieve their aims and objectives. Trustees also learn new skills during their time on the board.

We would love to hear from our members about applying to become a trustee. [Get in touch.](#)

Volunteering

Want to Volunteer? We want every volunteer to have a good experience with us. Whatever your volunteering role, you will have a role description, relevant training, support and guidance to develop your skills and share your talents. We have vacancies in office administration, digital peer support, gardening, COVID practical support and befriending services.

If you are interested in volunteering across our services please complete our [online form](#) and join us!

We also want to thank our brilliant volunteers for another year of hard work. Thank you!!

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YOU!



We will be closed for the festive season from the 25th December 2020 returning on 4th January 2021

Our latest impact report shares what we have been working on together in 2019/2020 and celebrates the achievements of all those who use our services. Get your [copy here](#)

A big shout out to our staff, who have continued service delivery and have been a consistent presence in our offices & garden sites during these challenging times. THANK YOU! ★★★★★