



Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

Volunteers needed



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We are still looking for 2 volunteers from the general membership who would like to help us improve our communications and services to members

Can you spare us some time to work with Dean and Fab Lab at Sandwell College on improving our offer to tenants and residents of Sandwell



Sandwell Special Olympics Queen's Award Winners



We are delighted to bring you the news that Special Olympics Sandwell, a group of volunteers based in Sandwell, West Midlands, have been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.

Special Olympics Sandwell is one of 244 local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the

prestigious award this year. And is a wonderful reminder of all the ways in which fantastic volunteers are contributing to their local communities and working to make life better for those around them.

Representatives of Special Olympics Sandwell will receive the award crystal and certificate from John Crabtree OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands later this summer. In addition, two volunteers from Special Olympics Sandwell will attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in May 2023, along with other recipients of this year's Award.

Digi-comm is Powered Up!



Fantastic news!

In December 2022 we submitted a bid to the Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund, and in January 2023 we were advised that we had been successful. We have been awarded funding for 3 years that will start in May 2023.

We will now be delivering tablet training until May 2026.

The Power Up project will build on the excellent Digi-comm Project that we have been delivering for the last 3 years across Sandwell.

In partnership with St Albans we have delivered basic digital skills to members of the community in local community centres and on a one to one basis.

We look forward to working again with St Albans reaching out to more tenants and residents of Sandwell.



Local elections will be held in Sandwell on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Voter ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable.

You can use any of the following:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A photo driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Some other documents detailed on the Electoral Commission website.

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit The Electoral Commission website or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

You must apply by 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.

Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

Please note - if you are applying online you must upload a digital photo of yourself. Please do not take a photo of a photograph. Take a photo of yourself against a plain background, facing forward with your eyes open.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more go to the Electoral Commission website, or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

SCIPS Member Services



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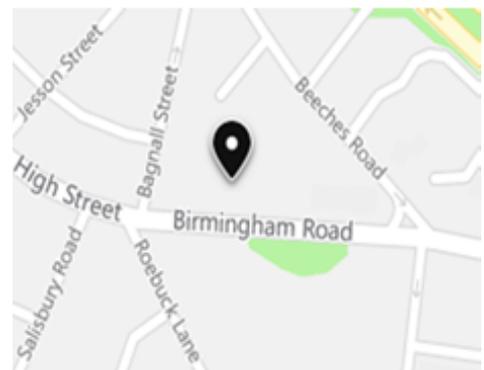
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