



Membership of People Matter IW is FREE

As part of its work People Matter IW assists with, takes part in, hosts or facilitates several groups for a wide range of Island residents with differing support needs. Some of these groups are user-led and include forums for Older People, people with Learning Disabilities, Autism and Autistic Spectrum Conditions, Carers, people with Mental Health issues, people with Long-Term Conditions and the Isle of Wight Parent Carer Forum - Parents Voice IW. Whilst individuals are most welcome at any of these groups it is important to note that, to come along, you must be a PMIW member. People Matter IW also work very closely with many other local, affiliated organisations involved in and around health and social care such as Carers IW, John's Club, Citizens Advice, Age UK IW and The Way Forward Programme to name but a few.

Recently there have been many changes in the provision of both health and social care. Because of this there is a very clear need for much more involvement from the people who use the services, for these people to be more fully consulted and for everyone to have a direct say in every change in service delivery that affect them both as groups and as individuals. People Matter IW exists to embrace and assist this approach.

The groups we work with are encouraged to bring forward their own priorities and are actively supported to try and hold the authorities to account. The groups are also free to raise general and wider issues and concerns that they feel need to be investigated, challenged, discussed and addressed. This appears to work well, and we would now like to engage more widely and to a larger membership. This is where you can help to influence the future.

Individual Membership forms are available to download from our website - www.peoplematteriw.org and we would encourage you to join People Matter IW. When completed please forward your membership application form to us at:

People Matter IW, The Independent Living Centre, Units 1 & 2 Bernard Way,
Riverway, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5YL.

More details or information can be obtained either from our website at:

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