



# Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE AGM 28 September 2024



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Community**

**‘ Striving together to be the  
best we can be’**

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**However don't forget the  
General Meeting taking  
place on 23rd July 2024  
here at SCIPS**

**All of our TRA, Community  
Group, and Individual Members  
are welcome**

**Guest Speaker Christine Davis -  
SMBC Consultations**

**Starts at 10:30am**

**At the National Metalforming  
Centre 47 Birmingham Road, West  
Bromwich  
B70 6PY**

**(For SatNav Users Postcode is B70 6QE)**

# Digi Comm @ Yew Tree Community Centre



We will shortly be starting a new digital for beginners course at Yew Tree and Tamebridge Community Centre. The course will run on the same day and time for 9 weeks, starting on Tuesday 30th July between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Learning is relaxed and informal, delivered at a pace that is suitable for each participant. You'll get the loan of a tablet for the duration of the course - for use at the centre and at home - and there is plenty of support and hands on expertise to call upon throughout.

Content includes; learning to use a tablet, learning to use 'apps', internet safety, setting up and understanding more about emails, and setting up / using a MySandwell account.

We're down to the last few spaces remaining now, so if you're interested, or know someone who might benefit, please call Dean on 0121 544 1230 or 07873 614 730.

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## News from SMBC

### Universal Credit – Managed Migration

Sandwell residents who are being contacted to migrate to Universal Credit, there is support available. More information is available via the Council's website; please scan the QR Code for information

**[www.sandwell.gov.uk/benefits-support/universal-credit -2/3](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/benefits-support/universal-credit -2/3)**

**Or call SMBC on 0121 737-5148 9am- 5:30pm  
Mondays to Thursdays and 9am - 5pm on Fridays**



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## Sandwell Special Olympics



Our congratulations go to Norma Hyde at Sandwell Special Olympics, who has been awarded a British Empire Medal for her dedication to providing sporting opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.



Special Olympics Sandwell provides multiple inclusive sporting opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday night in sports, including swimming, badminton, cricket, basketball and more, at local venues with more than 50 athletes registered as club members, aged between 13 and 67.

Norma started as a volunteer in 1983 and took on the role of chair in 2000, supporting many local athletes with learning disabilities of all ages to participate.

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## 50forWM50 Campaign

Congratulations to Edna Dunn from Essex Avenue Community TRA. Edna has recently been awarded for all of her voluntary work behind the scenes in her local community at The West Midlands Lieutenancy 50forWM50 campaign, supported by United by 2022, which aims to recognise and thank volunteers who are making a real impact in their local area.

Well deserved!





# TRA Networking Event

On a rainy Saturday in June SCIPS hosted a second Networking event held specifically to bring together the TRAs across Sandwell. We were delighted to have been joined by representatives from Essex Avenue, Hamstead Village, Lancaster House and Willow Beech and Aspen Houses TRA's.

Whilst the weather was poor we had some fun with beach balls for the icebreaker, before getting down to business and discussing many things that TRAs have told us are important to them and their communities.



Topics included; recent SMBC staff training on working with TRAs, key features of good customer service, an update on the revision of the constitution for TRAs and safeguarding.

We would like to say a big **thank you** to all who gave up their time to join us on the day. We hope you found it as enjoyable and informative as we did. We look forward to the next event with you all later in the year.

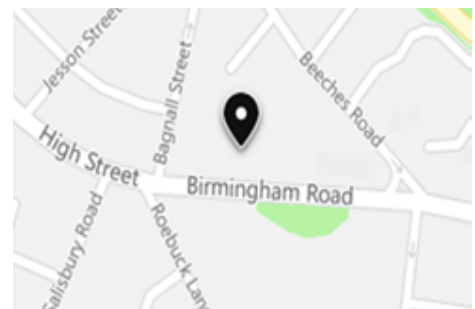


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