

As with everyone else, and with heavy hearts, we at dasl have had to take steps to limit some of our usual activities.

Over the last 24 hours, we have stopped doing home visits, face-to-face appointments and have cancelled upcoming groups and events. We have taken this decision to reduce the risk to Disabled people who use our services and to ensure our staff and volunteers remain safe.

We are reviewing all the ways that we work so that we can continue to support you in different ways.

Our **Advice** service will continue to provide you with telephone and email advice if you require support with benefits, money, housing and debt issues.

Our **Advocacy** service will be providing phone support and working with Lambeth Council to ensure advocacy provision can be provided in creative ways to maximise your rights at this time.

Our **Community Development** service will offer phone and online support to enable community connections in new ways, will continue to work with partner organisations and support the co-ordination of our volunteers.

Our **Direct Payments** support service will provide information and advice to Direct Payments users over the phone and email and will be working with the Council to ensure you have the care and support you need in place.

We are not currently running the **London Stroke Choir**, nor any **Intosport** events, but will be speaking to you on the phone and using social media to ensure you have someone to talk to if you need this. We will be using social media to give you tips on how you can stay fit while at home.

Our **Supported Pathways to the Creative Industries** project initially moved from the employer sites within the arts and culture sector to Lewisham College but the college will be closing on Friday. We will continue to provide support with employability skills, job searching and interview practice.

dasl is part of **Connect Lambeth**, a consortium of Lambeth Voluntary Sector providers including Age UK Lambeth, Carers Hub Lambeth and Royal Association for Deaf People.

We are working with our partners to promote the **#together** campaign:

1. **Look after yourself.** Be informed. Be sensible. Follow the advice from trusted sources only (www.nhs.uk). Switch off the noise of social media and 24-hour news.
2. **Look out for each other.** We love the way communities are coming together to help each other out. That's amazing stuff. Stay safe. Be practical. Stay connected in as many ways you can.
3. **Call us if you think you or someone else needs more support.** Not health stuff. Use 111 for that. However, if you are really worried about someone else or even worried about how you might cope yourself, then get in touch.

If you want to get involved, or want to know where to get support, you can email: enquiry.line@disabilitylambeth.org.uk, or can also call Connect Lambeth on **0207 7095 5720**



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