



Aphasia Re-Connect

Spring 2019 Update
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What's new?

Our new Chair



We have a new **Chairman** at Aphasia Re-Connect, **Peter Cook**. He chairs the **Trustee**

Board, providing the overarching governance of the Charity.

A professional chemist by background, he has been a liveryman in the City of London since 1982, and was Sheriff of the City of London 2009-10.

Peter lives in Bromley and is **married to Julie**, who **runs our Bromley Group**.

Peter has ambitious plans to raise income to help Aphasia Re-Connect:

- Set up **2 new groups** this year, to reach more people
- Have better **communications**
- Develop our **training** for volunteers and peer leaders
- Develop the **Board**, to support Aphasia Re-Connect's work and ambition.

Our new Trustees

We are also delighted to welcome our **new trustees**, bringing their talents and commitment to Aphasia Re-Connect:

Virginia Clark ■ Rachel Frankel ■ Vicky Yorke

They join **existing trustees** Rachel Green, Holly Terry and Katerina Hilari on the Board.



Latest News

What we've been up to at the groups

New people are applying all the time:
★ 1 to 4 new people per week ★

Thursday Drop-in is livelier than ever, with 39 people attending the group this Spring.



Music Group has been enjoying an eclectic mix of music, from Bach to Eminem.



Fundraising events:

Thank you to our trustee, Rachel Green, for organising a fantastic jazz evening which raised over £5000 for Aphasia Re-Connect

Art Groups



Fabulous art from **Maureen's Art Group** and **Afsana's Drawing Group** at the National Portrait Gallery.

Wider Opportunities

Our members have been involved in fantastic productions, including an **Opera about Aphasia** at the Cockpit Theatre



and the **American Dream** at the **Young Vic**.

Reaching out project

A one day workshop with **Ark Walworth Academy** was a great success. The project was a collaboration between experts with Aphasia and the school. It was supported by a community engagement grant from United St. Saviour's.



Students on placement from Greenwich, UCL and City, University of London

5 weekly groups

6 monthly groups

Conversation partners and befrienders

Co-facilitators and trainers