



Aphasia Re-Connect

Registered charity No.1176125

www.aphasiareconnect.org

Become a Friend of Aphasia Re-Connect

We launched our Friends Scheme at our Annual Carol Concert in December.

Anyone can become a friend:

- People with aphasia
- Friends & Family
- Healthcare Professionals & workers
- Wider supporters

What does it mean to be a 'friend'?

An opportunity to:

- **Learn** about aphasia
- Find out more about the **work we do**
- **Support** our work
- **Get involved**
- **Contribute in whatever way you can**
- Maintain an **interest** and **connection** with us

Come and join our vibrant network of Friends – every contribution is recognised!



Let us know in person or sign up at:

aphasiareconnect.org/support-us/

Or email: info@aphasiareconnect.org

Or contact Sally on 07885 288943



New Opportunities

As part of our annual plan, we aimed to start **new**

opportunities for people living with aphasia **in new areas**. We now have a group in **Putney**. **Numbers are growing!** **Volunteers** are welcome, **Wednesday morning, 10.30 to 12pm**. **Croydon** is the second area we are working in (see overleaf)

Young people's group



If you are a **younger person with aphasia** this group is **for you!** Held on the **last Wednesday morning of every month**, this is a great opportunity to **meet other young people** and discuss what is important to you: technology; top tips; access to volunteering and work; and aphasia research, for example.

Gardening Group

Alongside Drop in, on a Thursday, we have a keen bunch of gardeners tending the gardens at Rowland Hill House. If you have an interest, come and join us!



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Spectacular Carol Service Thank you!

Another wonderful carol service at **Christchurch** again this year. Taken by the Rev. Ian Mobsby, the service **involved many people living with aphasia** in reading, singing, and giving an address. Mulled wine flowed afterward, generously served by a team of **wonderful volunteers**. With **very many thanks to all those who came and gave so very generously**.



Co-ordinated by:

- 8 Trustees
- 12 Committee members & advisors
- Sally, Lin and now Sophie,
Welcome Sophie!

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Consultation in Croydon

We are holding a **consultation in Croydon** to see whether a **new group** or **peer befriending** scheme is something that would be a **valuable addition** to what is on for people living with aphasia **in Croydon**. Everyone is welcome!

Friday 14 February

11am to 1pm

Main Physio Gym

Croydon University Hospital

530 London Road

CR7 4YE

Further information is available from:
info@aphasiareconnect.org or Sally on
07885 288943.

So where have we got to?

- We have 7 weekly groups
- 6 monthly or bi-monthly groups
- Reaching over 260 people
- One to four applications a week
- 80 volunteers with and without aphasia including:
 - 18 Trainers with aphasia
 - 13 peer befrienders
 - Many Co-facilitators
 - Ambassadors
- 25 Speech & Language therapy students over the past calendar year on placement.
- Good liaison with Ark Academies to work in a cross generational way; exchange and learning.

All Working in partnership