



Camden People First Newsletter



April 2021



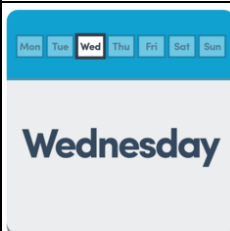
Welcome to our April Newsletter as promised.



We are still in lockdown and still missing everyone at the office.



We are not yet fully open, but our office is open every Wednesday for advice and advocacy support.



We open on Wednesdays from 10am – 4pm



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We support with filling in benefit forms.



We support with making phone calls to housing or any other phone calls you need support with.



We have received many stories about your lockdown experience.



Here are some of the stories – thank you to all who have shared your stories.



	<p>Lockdown has made me busy with supporting my children to do their zoom school work, playing with them and helping with their homework.</p>
	<p>I have spent a lot of time at home and my wife has been busy cleaning up after the children and cooking a lot.</p>
	<p>We have received help from Camden People First with letters and more.</p>
	<p>Having a tablet from Camden People First has helped to attend Council meetings as well as doing easy read with Camden People First and Ian.</p>
	<p>During lockdown I took the Covid vaccine and it went well and I did not feel anything at all. I have to go back in three weeks' time for my second dose.</p>

	<p>I helped out at one of the role plays with Desmond and I had to read out what the role play was about and got given good feedback.</p>
	<p>I'm going to miss how good Desmond was at the role play as part of his job as project assistant and his job at the disco as well.</p>
	<p>Don't even ask, the answer is going nowhere.</p>
	<p>Since the lockdown I have not been out other than going to the Camden People First office to pick up my tablet and get training on how to use zoom.</p>
	<p>I have been doing Bubble Club zoom every other Wednesday and I am enjoying listening to the music there.</p>

	<p>I have been doing nothing more than the usual, sitting down watching tv.</p>
	<p>I can't wait for the lockdown to finish because I miss my friends from work, doing my shredding work and my horse riding because City Farm is closed.</p>
	<p>It's not fair not being able to see friends. I have got a new job with photosymbols and I will be working with Pete on zoom on my new tablet.</p>
	<p>I have been helping my dad and brother with the dog we have by taking the dog out for a walk and helping to train her.</p>
	<p>I have been doing quite a bit of shopping for my mum who is not well so me and my dad do the shopping.</p>



I have been doing the easy read project with Ian and Camden People First.

I have been having the autistic meeting with Rachael from Camden Council.



I had a few meetings with Respond on zoom. I have had a couple of phone call counselling and have been trying to get some more, but that has finished.



I learnt to use different formats with the tablet I got from Camden People First.

It has also helped me to learn new formats of having meetings such as zoom and Microsoft teams.

I hope the lockdown finishes soon so we can meet up.



THANK YOU!!

	<p>We would like to say thank you to the following people and organisations who have helped us during Covid;</p>
	<p>National Lottery, Camden Council, Photosymbols, City Bridge Trust and London Community Response</p>
	<p>They have supported us a lot during Covid and we are very thankful.</p>
	<p>We are happy to say that during the lockdown these funders helped to provide tablets to 7 of our members who work with us.</p>
	<p>A very big thank you to National Lottery and City Bridge Trust for providing funding for staff IT equipment</p>

	<p>With this support, our staff were able to work from home, continuing to provide good support to our members</p>
	<p>We would also like to take this time to remember Desmond, who sadly passed away last year.</p> <p>Desmond's family has asked us to share a flyer to remember him.</p>
	<p>Our deepest sympathy is with Claudia, our Development Manager, as her husband sadly passed away.</p> <p>Please keep her and her family in your prayers.</p>
	<p>We hope everyone is keeping safe and well and hope to see you all soon.</p>
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**Oh Desmond, Dear Des,
Oh how we miss your warm laughter!**



**Son, Brother, Uncle, Work Colleague & Friend
Treasured Memories of Our Beloved**

Desmond Ashford Olatunji Coker-Davies

Born: 9th Dec 1969

Died: 27th March 2020

(One Year Ago)



No treasure will ever replace you,
Your memory will never grow old,
Our hearts were broken that sad day,
When the angels came and took you away.



We loved you then and always will,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
If we could have a wish come true,
We wish we still had you.

Although we love you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only take the best.



**Dearest Desmond
REST IN PERFECT PEACE**