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Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action **NEWS LETTER**

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Remembering and Being Remembered

What we remember and how we tell our stories are intrinsic to our sense of self. Philip Anderson reflects on the importance of memories, and how we might be remembered.

Philip is an advocate for barrier-free accessibility, equality, and inclusiveness for persons with disabilities. He is involved in several initiatives in the NHS, and with various disability and accessibility advisory groups. You can read his article [here](#).

He is a regular contributor to Independent Living and active on Twitter [@phandi](#)

Coalition Banking

After much trial and tribulations, we have finally gained control over our finances. Nat West has been a total shambles and if we (treasurer and myself) were asked our opinion we would advise that you do not bank with them.

Our treasurer was left with no choice but to make a formal complaint as the bank's internal communications were non-existent. Every action we took, signing forms and providing evidence of identity were not reaching all the departments and at one stage they put a complete block on our account.

Following the complaint, we finally got control of our finances and received £250 compensation.

Duties Overload

The Coalition has received a request for help from the wife of a gentleman suffering from Alzheimer's. For reasons of client confidentiality, this is as much as I can disclose at present. This case will place a burden on the amount of time I have for all the other items I have to deal with. I apologise in advance for any duties that might have to take a back seat during the period I am dealing with this matter.

Associative Disability Discrimination

We are all now familiar with the requirements of the Equality Act, which replaced the DDA in 2010, or at least we should be. There is a summary of the principles [here](#).

But while attention is primarily focused on making reasonable adjustments to businesses in order to accommodate people with a disability, there is also the concept of associative disability discrimination, which occurs when somebody who isn't disabled themselves is discriminated against because of their association with someone else who is.

The Case I mentioned in 'Duties Overload' (above) has required that I examine 'Associative Disability Discrimination' as it forms part of the issues associated with this particular case.

Whose Social Care is it Anyway

The Whose Social Care is it Anyway inquiry report made a number of "[first asks](#)" including some for council leaders. The report invited local leaders to adopt the [social care future vision](#) to steer local strategy and to employ the [Think Local Ask Personal](#) (TLAP) Making it Real framework to implement it, in collaboration with people that draw on social care to lead their lives.

Good Law Project

A link to the latest letter from GLP reporting on their ongoing court case exposing the dodgy deals behind the purchase of PPE equipment. Once again one has to ask just how devious and corrupt our governments are? And why do we let them get away with it? Read the letter [here](#).

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