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# Disabled Living

Practical solutions supporting disabled adults, children & older people

**Disabled Living Newsletter**

**April 2021**

**Packed with relevant advice  
and information for you**

**Venue to Virtual is back!  
But this time it's a little different...**

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## Presenting the Disabled Living Collective!

Disabled Living invite you to our latest Venue to Virtual event - **The Disabled Living Collective!** It is a **FREE** week-long virtual event featuring over **50** of the most prestigious and award-winning companies, demonstrating their equipment and highlighting their services.

The event is for people of **all ages** with disabilities and additional needs, older people, relatives, parents, carers, and the professionals who support them. Find out more and register today using the link below!

[Find out more](#)

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## Make bathtime fun again!



**The therapeutic pleasure of being able to enjoy a relaxing soak in the bath is now a reality for anyone who needs support to bathe, regardless of their- or their bath's- size, shape.**

Aqua Liberty has been developed by AAT in conjunction with disabled people and OTs.

It is unique in its ability to be used by anybody, young or old, large or small, and support them safely and comfortably in the bath. It is also unique in that the cushioning can be removed and used independently, to provide correct postural support in almost any other seating you may use- on a chair, the floor, even in the car!

The bather can relax and enjoy some aqua therapy. Their carer can relax, and help the bathing process without having to physically support.

AAT is so confident in Aqua Liberty's ability to improve the bathing experience, it is offering a free assessment AND a free trial for potential beneficiaries.

[Find out more](#)

## Take part in Cadent Gas Ltd's survey!



**We want to hear from you so that we can continue to provide a great service to those who need it most.**

**Tell us what you think**

**We are the largest gas distribution network in the UK.**

**We are working in partnership with utility companies to provide additional support**

**Cadent**  
Your Gas Network

**Cadent Gas Ltd aim to help customers who may find themselves in a vulnerable situation understand the range of additional support available to them.**

Don't miss out on the chance to have your say! Your views will help to shape Cadent Gas Ltd's customer safeguarding services.

To help them continue to provide a great service to those that need it most, complete their survey below.

[View the survey](#)



## Have you seen Disabled Living's new Training Page?



**Disabled Living has been involved in training healthcare professionals since the 1950's. We have many years experience training healthcare professionals, carers, families, companies, Local Authorities, NHS Trusts, Schools and more.**

To discover the range of Disabled Living training courses, please navigate through the signpost on our updated Training page! You can also contact us via email: [training@disabledliving.co.uk](mailto:training@disabledliving.co.uk) or give us a call on 0161 214 4590.

[View our courses here](#)



Survey was completed by 336 wheelchair users across the US, UK, Europe, Asia and Africa

**Only 1 in 4 wheelchair passengers rate their overall experience flying by air as, good, very good or extremely good**



**60%** have had their wheelchair damaged



**2%** of wheelchair passengers feel very safe on an aisle chair



**62%** of wheelchair passengers have had to dehydrate or starve themselves to fly



**43%** of wheelchair passengers have stopped flying



**76%** would fly more frequently if they could remain in their wheelchair for short haul flights



**69%** have experienced being transferred onto the aircraft during or after general boarding has commenced



"Flying as a wheelchair user is completely



## Welcome to the Supplier Directory!



**We would like to say a warm welcome to the new companies listed on Disabled Living's Supplier Directory: Tough Furniture and Catalyst Interiors.**

If you are interested in joining some of the amazing companies listed in our rapidly expanding Supplier Directory, please contact the Equipz Helpline on 0161 214 4590.

[Visit our Supplier Directory](#)

## Combating fuel poverty

**Families with disabled children**

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Across the UK, families who have a child with a disability have previously gone without the heating they need due to income troubles.

A grant from the Energy Saving Trust (as part of their Energy Redress Scheme) has been awarded to children's charity Caudwell Children to help combat fuel poverty amongst families who have a child with a disability. Click the button below to learn more about the grant.

[Find out more](#)

**Are you a young person with autism, dyslexia and/or cerebral palsy in a mainstream school?**





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[England](#) is a research project that investigates the relationship of adolescent disability with social disadvantage.

We want to hear young people's views about their experiences of disability and schooling, their plans and aspirations for the future. We are looking for Year 11 students with autism, dyslexia, and/or cerebral palsy in mainstream schools.

For each interview, participants will receive a £20 Love-to-Shop voucher. Interviews will be tailored to the individual needs and preferences of participants and their families.

Should you want to take part please get in touch at [disabled.transitions@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:disabled.transitions@warwick.ac.uk)

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