

# AbleOTUK -Newsletter

## Support sessions 2024

We hold monthly networking/support sessions. These sessions are open to all UK based occupational therapists/students who identify as disabled or as having a long term health condition.

**We respectfully ask that allies do not attend these sessions to allow a safe space for all participants.**

Dates for 2024 are:

**Wed 10th July 7pm - 8.30pm A special event to celebrate Disability Pride Month**  
**The event is open to anyone not just limited to @AbleOTUK members!**

- Wed 4th Sep 7pm
- Wed 2nd Oct 7pm
- Wed 6th Nov 7pm
- Wed 4th Dec 7pm

Book on eventbrite [here](#)



## Disability Pride Month



Disability Pride Month, celebrated each July, is a time to honor the achievements, diversity, and resilience of individuals with disabilities. It serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of inclusion, accessibility, and equal rights for all.

The month-long observance aims to challenge societal perceptions and stereotypes about disability, promoting a culture of acceptance and understanding. Through various events, educational activities, and community engagement, Disability Pride Month highlights the unique contributions of disabled individuals and fosters a sense of pride and empowerment within the disability community.

## Advising RCOT

AbleOTUK played a significant advisory role in shaping the image and content of RCOT's recent guidance for voting in the election

By collaborating closely with RCOT, AbleOTUK helped create materials that were engaging and informative, thus facilitating a more informed and active participation from the occupational therapy community. [See the content here](#)

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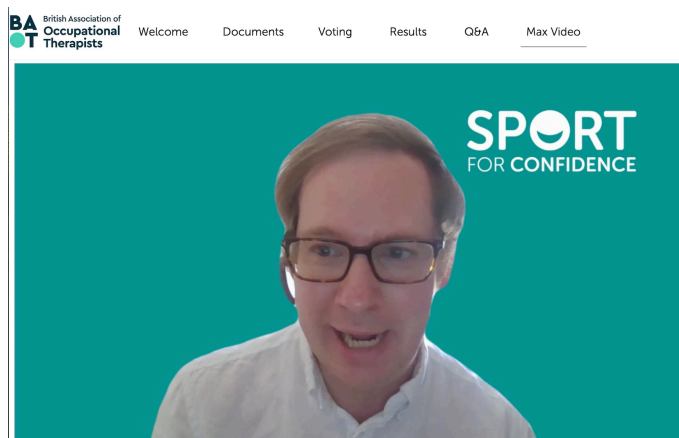
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**Anything underlined in this newsletter is a link to other information.**

## ROCT Annual General Meeting

The RCOT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held online Thursday 27th June 2024. Among the highlights, Andy, a dedicated member of AbleOTUK, played a crucial role in the proceedings. His contributions were particularly noted during facilitation of the Questions and Answer section of the meeting.



The event saw the passing of two resolutions

Resolution 1, which proposed the appointment of Moore Kingston Smith as the auditors for BAOT and authorized the Council to determine the auditors' remuneration. This resolution received overwhelming support from the members, with 96.01% voting in favor (433 votes) and 3.99% (18 votes) against, while 28 members abstained.

Resolution 2, which focused on amending the Articles of Association of the British Association of Occupational Therapists Limited. This special resolution required a higher threshold of approval and successfully garnered strong support from the members. The results showed that 96.88% (435 votes) were in favor, while 3.12% (14 votes) were against, with 30 abstentions.

The full recording of the AGM will soon be accessible on the RCOT website, allowing all members to catch up on the detailed discussions and outcomes.