

AbleOTUK -Newsletter

Support sessions 2024

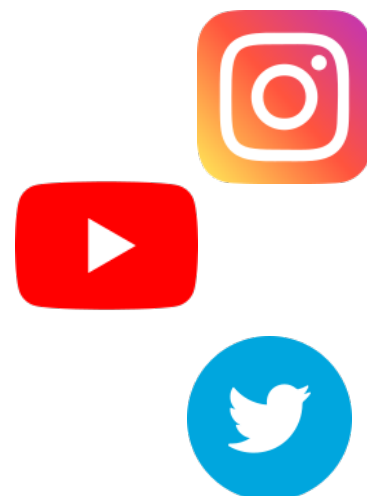
We hold monthly networking/support sessions. These sessions are open to all UK based occupational therapists/students who identify as disabled or as having a long term health condition.

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

Dates for 2024 are:

- **Wed 5th June 12noon**
- Wed 4th July 7pm
- Wed 4th Sep 12noon
- Wed 2nd Oct 7pm
- Wed 6th Nov 12noon
- Wed 4th Dec 7pm

Book on eventbrite [here](#)



Letter written to RCOT

We have sent a letter to the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) addressing the spread of misinformation about disability, particularly during the current general election campaign. In our letter, we express concerns about misleading narratives surrounding PIP and fit notes, highlighting how these misconceptions undermine the dignity and rights of disabled individuals. We applaud RCOT's initiative to host a meeting on June 4th to shape responses to the Government's PIP and Fit Note reform consultations and hope our input aids this process.

Our recommendations include issuing public statements, collaborating with media, launching educational campaigns, and supporting advocacy groups to ensure accurate and respectful discourse about disability. We look forward to working together with RCOT to address these critical issues and promote a more inclusive society.

July is Disability Pride month

Get ready to celebrate Disability Pride Month next month! At AbleOTUK, we're excited to honour the strength, resilience, and diversity of the community. We're reaching out to you for your ideas on how we can make this month memorable & meaningful. Let's come together to celebrate disability pride and promote inclusivity. Share your ideas with us via any of the platforms below.

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June is Pride Month



A time dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community and recognising the ongoing fight for equal rights.

For the disabled community, Pride Month is an opportunity to highlight the importance of accessibility and to push for greater representation within LGBTQIA+ spaces. It's a time to address the barriers that disabled individuals often encounter, such as physical inaccessibility at events, lack of adequate healthcare, and social stigmas. By ensuring that Pride events are inclusive and accessible, we affirm the value and dignity of every individual in the community.

Pride Month serves as a reminder of the strength and resilience of disabled LGBTQIA+ individuals, celebrating their contributions and the rich diversity they bring to the community. It is a call to action to support and uplift these voices, ensuring that the fight for equality includes and prioritises those who are often marginalised. Embracing the intersectionality of the LGBTQIA+ and disabled communities helps foster a more inclusive and compassionate society for all.

LGBTQIA+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and the plus sign represents other sexual orientations and gender identities that are not specifically covered by these terms.