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Today's Discussion

- Who we are
 - Our services
- Current situation
 - Benefits support
 - Housing
- How we help
- How you can help
- Looking ahead
- How to contact us
- Questions



Who We Are

- A Disabled Person's **User Led Organisation**
- **Disabled People** supporting **Disabled People**
- Delivery partner for Kent County Council to **deliver Physical Disability Wellbeing Services** throughout Kent
- **250,000 people** with Disability and/or Long-term Health Condition
- **Pan Disability** organisation
- **Social Model** of Disability



Services



Community
Advocacy



Information, Advice
and Guidance



Peer Support



Benefits Support



Current Situation

What is the problem?

- Cost of living crisis
- Lack of suitable housing



Benefit Support

How do we do it?

- PIP - Personal Independence Payments
- ESA - Employment Support Allowance
- AA - Attendance Allowance (For those aged 65+)
- Form filling
- Assessment
- Mandatory Reconsideration
- Tribunal/Appeal



Benefit Support

Our Impact

- Since April 2022, we have generated over **£935,000** in eligible benefits for our clients
- Gives disabled people greater financial freedoms and security to pay their rent and bills



Housing

What is the problem?

The issues we hear about:

- Lack of accessible housing
- New build issues
- Delayed adaptations
- Private rental shortage
- Lack of new build 'Forever Homes'
- Condition of social housing



How We Help

What are we doing?

- Benefits support
- Raising housing issues



How You Can Help

What are we asking from you?

- Collaborative working
- Provide more support through an additional benefits advisor



Looking Ahead

How can we better support your clients?

- Awareness of our charity
- What support is required?
- Referrals



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Questions