

Warren Campbell and Ebony Bain are the co-founders of jobs fair organisation CareerQuest Credit Kai Images



Community-led career support

Local residents packed Dugdale Arts Centre last November for UK CareerQuest, a community-driven careers event that is already making waves across Enfield.

From students to jobseekers, attendees came together to access advice, mentorship and real opportunities – all led by local people, for local people.

The timing couldn't be more crucial. Latest government figures show declining opportunities with many young Enfield residents facing steep barriers to work, making community-led solutions essential.

LocalMotion Enfield has been delighted to support founders Warren Campbell and Ebony Bain. Co-ordinator Paul Everitt said: "Warren and Ebony have always put the community at the heart of their work.

"Their leadership is creating real opportunities for local people, helping them build skills, confidence, and futures they can

be proud of."

CareerQuest connected attendees with employers, training providers, and industry professionals, with 37 CVs reviewed and nine job offers made on the day. The event also featured an interview with Enfield mayor Margaret Greer, who spoke about representation, leadership, and pride in serving the borough – echoing LocalMotion Enfield's values of access, visibility, and empowerment.

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LocalMotion Enfield will continue championing community-led initiatives that support residents in navigating a challenging employment landscape.

UK CareerQuest returns on Saturday, 27th February, from 5pm-8pm. Register via Eventbrite: Visit careerquest6.eventbrite.co.uk

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Breaking down digital barriers in Enfield

Khilna Gudhka, Rose Bramble and Annie Smol from Empowering Disability In Enfield on the group's local efforts to combat digital exclusion

LocalMotion Enfield's lived experience group, Empowering Disability In Enfield (EDIE), is dedicated to removing barriers faced by deaf and disabled people by challenging the systems that create them.

Digital exclusion remains a significant issue for people who are visually impaired, have learning disabilities, are older, illiterate, or dyslexic. These groups often find themselves unable to access essential services such as banks, the NHS, GP surgeries, housing repairs, shopping, and education, because of inaccessible digital platforms.

For example Rose, who is visually impaired and unable to use a computer, has often spent over an hour on the phone trying to book a doctor's appointment, only to be told none are available. When she tried to open a bank account, she was informed

the only way was online, leaving her feeling frustrated and excluded.

Similarly, Khilna's daughter, who has both a learning disability and a visual impairment, finds online forms impossible to complete. The NHS app, which is meant to simplify healthcare access, is completely inaccessible to her without someone physically assisting.

Many digital systems, including those of the NHS, exclude many disabled people through complex language, confusing navigation, and a lack of easy-read or audio-supported options. Improvements such as easy-read forms, audio explanations, clearer

layouts, voice-activated tools, and simpler login options could make a significant difference.

However, even with these changes, some people will still require human support, which is often unavailable.

Accessible apps, simpler online processes, or the help of a real person would give disabled people greater independence, dignity, and control.

No-one should be excluded from essential services.

EDIE is working with Disability Advice Network Enfield to combat digital discrimination. To access support, contact Annie:
Call 07765 714384
Email edie@localmotionenfield.org.uk

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Confusing digital systems can create a barrier for certain groups of people Credit Jacqui Livingston

