

# News Matters

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Welcome to our May edition. We hope that you enjoy reading about what our members, staff and volunteers have been doing this past month. If you would like to find out more about People Matters and the services we offer, please go to [www.peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk](http://www.peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk).

## A message from Paul

I will be leaving my Office Coordinator role at the end of May - I have reached retirement age and it's time to slow down (a bit). My 6.5 years at People Matters have been brilliant. I have enjoyed meeting our members and sometimes getting to meet their families, too.

I am not leaving entirely though; I am staying on as a support worker working for two days a week. Come to say hello, if you see me around.

I would like to thank everyone I have worked with over the past years: our staff (who are simply the best, caring and professional), volunteers, members, their families and other organisations.

When not on support, I will be enjoying time with my grandchildren and continuing with my love of photography, motorcycles and music. Thanks for the memories!

THANK  
YOU!



## Goodbye and thanks so much Anna!

As some of you may know by now, I am leaving People Matters at the end of May. I have worked here for nearly 5 years and in that time, I've had a few roles: Support Worker, Group Assistant, Service Coordinator and Deputy Manager. Not only have I proven to myself I'm capable of such things I didn't think were possible, but I've also had so much fun with you all along the way. It's just time for a change but I definitely won't be a stranger to People Matters. Thank you for all the wonderful memories! -Anna



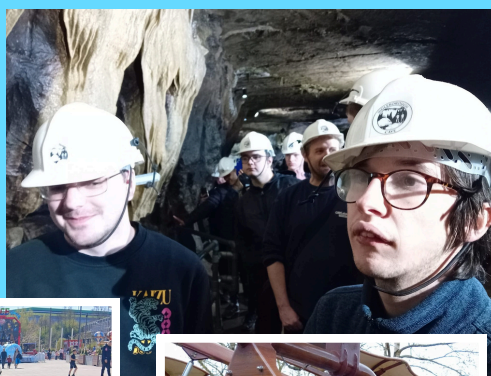
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## Teens and Twenties Easter trips

This Easter we have done some brilliant trips. We had a 5-mile walk in the Dales in fabulous weather and visited some interesting caves. We went sledging and bowling at Xscape and enjoyed a picnic outdoors. Flamingo Land had fast rides and lots of animals. Finally, we stayed local and went to Boom Battle Bar to play golf, pool and practice skills on their shuffle boards. We had a great time!



## Photo contest - closes 2<sup>nd</sup> June

We are organising a photo contest to celebrate Learning Disability Week 2025. The photo theme is **"Important To Me"**. You can take a photo of anything you want, to show what is important to you.

The photos will be displayed at Being Social marketplace event on 19 June, so make sure you get permission from any people in the photo. There are prizes for the top 3 entries.

Please send in your photo to [info@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk](mailto:info@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk) by **2 June**. Good luck!



## Band night fundraiser



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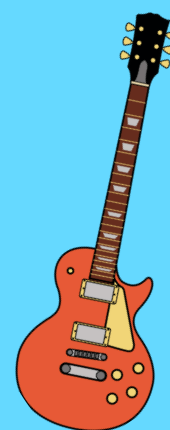
**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**6.30-9PM**  
**£5**  
**Featuring JamJ and Sky Fallers**



*Hosted in the beer garden of The Gardeners Arms, Morley*

Come along for a dance and help raise money for a wonderful cause. Email [info@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk](mailto:info@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk)

*People Matters are a charity in Leeds supporting people with learning disabilities, autistic people and people with other hidden disabilities to live life the way they choose*



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