

News Matters

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Welcome to our December edition. We want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and send a massive thanks to all of you for being fantastic supporters. We hope you enjoy reading this months edition. If you're interested in learning more about People Matters and the services we provide, please visit www.peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk



Big News

John has reached his 20th year anniversary working for People Matters. He is valued just as much now as he was back in 2005. Our members who have been lucky enough to have received support from John over the years speak highly of him and he has helped make happy memories with them. John is a real asset to the organisation and here's to the next 20 years!



Staff Story - Jacqui

Hi, I'm Jacqui and I've been part of the PM family for 5 years. I work as a Job Coach within Nourishing People, supporting our members to run their own micro social enterprise selling delicious, healthy, snacks. In the past I've worked in 1-1 support, been group assistant and then group leader for our Thursday Adult Group and I've been a Job Coach within the Employment Service, helping members into voluntary or paid work.

In the New Year, I'll be taking up the post of Digital Inclusion Co-Ordinator. This is an exciting role that has scope to make a very real difference to members across all our services and will embed digital inclusion into the heart of everything we do. I'll be running computer skills workshops, offering 1-1 digital support including using assistive technology and getting to grips with digital marketing and content creation within Nourishing People. I can't wait to get started.

An interesting fact about me is that in my spare time I'm a silversmith, making silver and gold jewellery.

The three words I'd use to describe People Matters are Supportive, Empowering, Amazing



Fundraising

Our Aviva match funding which took place over November was really successful, raising the organisation £3500. We are grateful to everyone who shared, liked and donated to this!



Member Story: Jamie

We're thrilled to celebrate Jamie's incredible decade with People Matters!

This year, Jamie embraced an exciting new challenge by joining the Community Integrated Super League, organized by Leeds Rhinos, and playing tag rugby. Supported by our dedicated staff, Jamie gained vital experience, developed new skills, had plenty of fun, and grew in confidence both on and off the pitch.

Her hard work paid off at the end-of-season awards, where Jamie proudly received a medal and certificate—and even met members of the Leeds Rhinos team! Jamie's story is a fantastic example of how opportunities and support can empower people to thrive. Here's to Jamie's continued success and many more memorable moments ahead!



Join our board of trustees

Strengthen Our Foundation, Shape Our Future

We are seeking new trustees for People Matters to help us empower people with learning disabilities, autism, and hidden disabilities.

We're especially keen to hear from those with skills in:

- ◆ HR & Employment Law
- ◆ Risk Management
- ◆ Legal & Compliance
- ◆ Lived Experience of disability or social exclusion



No board experience needed — **just a commitment to inclusion and making a difference.**

✉ Interested? Contact: elissa@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk

People Matters are inviting you to their AGM
on the 23rd January 12.30-2.30



Are inviting you to their:

Annual general meeting

Friday 23rd January 2026 from 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Swarthmore education centre 2-7 Woodhouse square, Leeds LS3 1AD

If you are a member, parent / carer of a member / staff member / People Matters partner / stakeholder or funder, you are invited to join us. Its free to attend but please book your space by phoning 0113 2346896 or emailing iinfo@peoplesmattersleeds.co.uk

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