



# The Judith Trust Inclusion Campaign Newsletter

October 2014

## Our current activities:

- Shabbat UK
- The Judith Trust at Limmud
- Inclusion Campaign Shul Directory
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah Programme

## Goodbye and Welcome!

We said a fond farewell to Sharon Daniels, who saw the inclusion campaign through its first 3 years. We also happy to welcome Jo Richler as the new Interim Policy Manager and Inclusion Campaign manager:



Jo has worked for twenty five years in further and higher education as a tutor and senior

manager. In 2004 she was awarded the Learning Resources Manager of the Year by the prestigious World of Learning Awards.

Jo has already been working as the Coordinator for The Judith Trust and has established a North West profile for the Inclusion initiative. Also, she is a Governor with the Delamere Trust and a member of the JSENSE Steering Committee. Both charities focus on the education of Jewish children with autism and/or other learning disabilities.

## Shabbat UK 24th/25th October

The Judith Trust is working with the Office of the Chief Rabbi on Shabbat UK. Shabbat UK is the project of the Chief Rabbi. For one weekend, Friday 24th to Saturday 25th October, all Jews, across the UK, are invited to celebrate Shabbat. This could mean going to synagogue, lighting candles at home, going for Friday night dinner or Shabbat lunch at someone's home, or taking part in some of the large events happening around the country.

As the idea is that Shabbat UK should include all Jews, The Judith Trust is working with the organizers, to help

## Inclusion Campaign Shul Directory

After a discussion day with people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities, we found that it is very important for people to know about the accessibility of Shuls and other places within the Jewish community. For example, how easy it is to get around the building, and if

make it possible for Jews with learning disabilities and or mental health problems to take part.

We have put together resources, including activities, and easy read blessings on



our website.

We are also happy to help anyone who is interested to attend shul, or a meal, or one of the activities on offer. Just get in touch.

there are special prices for people with disabilities.

We have been putting together a Shul Directory which gives information about each synagogue. We so far have 20 shuls in our directory and will keep adding more.

For more information, have a look at The Judith Trust website, and the Shabbat UK website:

[www.judithtrust.org.uk/events](http://www.judithtrust.org.uk/events)

[www.shabbatuk.org](http://www.shabbatuk.org)

## The Judith Trust at Limmud

We are already planning Limmud L'Am, the inclusion track at Limmud. We are going to be talking about our Bar and Bat Mitzvah programme, and introducing our new inclusion toolkit..

Limmud is 28th December through to the 1st January and Limmud L'Am is on Monday 29th so please let us know if you would like to come along!