



Kingston Centre For  
Independent Living

## FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS



Disabled people from Kingston were at the forefront of the Disability Rights Movement in the UK, from closure of large institutions to the creation of an Independent Living Scheme. A user-led group was formed in 1967, eventually becoming Kingston Centre for Independent Living (KCIL) in 2001. They demanded more choice and control, and the chance to live independently in their local community.

The Fighting for our Rights project has gathered stories related to this fascinating history.

To hear the interviews visit

[www.kingstonfightingforourrights.co.uk](http://www.kingstonfightingforourrights.co.uk)

## Fighting for Disability Rights in Kingston

Kingston Museum

### Community Case

Friday 24 November – Thursday 22 February

Get a glimpse of how direct action and campaigning by disabled people in Kingston led to changes in policy and access across the borough.

## Living Independently: Innovation from the Disabled Community in Kingston

Kingston History Centre, Guildhall

### Foyer Display

Wednesday 6 December – Tuesday 27 February

The Independent Living Scheme in Kingston was innovative and one of the first of its kind in the UK. Learn about its development and the impact it's had.

## Kingston's Disability Pioneers

Touring Display of Local Libraries

### Kingston Library

Tuesday 21 November – Monday 27 November

### New Malden Library

Tuesday 28 November – Monday 4 December

### Hook & Chessington Library

Tuesday 5 December – Monday 11 December

### Surbiton Library

Tuesday 12 December – Monday 18 December

Celebrate the outstanding contribution disabled people have made across the borough, from the perspective of those who led the way.



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