



Web Newsletter

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AIR TRAVEL-YOUR RIGHTS EXPLAINED

New arrangements came into force in July, 2009. Since 26 July new European Regulations should mean that it is easier for disabled people and others with reduced mobility to travel by air. Go to the News page on the NIASBAH website to access full details of this development.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (ESA)

As and from the 27th October 2008 Employment Support Allowance has replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support for new applicants. Existing recipients will continue to receive Incapacity Benefit for a transition period until 2009 - 2010 for under 25's and for other recipients their changeover period will be 2010 - 2013/4.

The main feature of Employment Support Allowance is the new 'Medical Assessment' which will be more difficult to satisfy. This new regime requires all but the most ill and/or severely disabled to engage in a process of work-related health assessments, work focused interviews and from a date yet to be announced, work related activity. It should be noted that the whole terminology has change from having 'Incapacity' to work to a 'Limitation to work'.

ASBAH's main concern at present are new applicants and we are indebted to Irene Kean the Education Adviser in Northern Ireland for UK ASBAH who has made available to us an explanatory note providing sound basic information for potential claimants. Full details can be found on the News page of the NI-ASBAH website

FIRST FUNDS RECEIVED FROM NIASBAH WEBSHOP

We've received the first cheque from purchases made via the NIASBAH webshop. That's great news and thanks to the seven people who did their Christmas shopping via, M &S, Amazon and the Sunday Times Wine Club, etc. The shop is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year so help us to keep those funds rolling in.

AND A BIG CHEQUE IS RECEIVED FROM THE CYCLISTS

A cheque for £3005 was handed over just before Christmas from the four cyclists from the Police Ombudsmans Office. That's a great achievement and hopefully will inspire others to get stuck into the fundraising. We've still to hear from the Bikers of the Third Wheel about how their events went and the Newsletter is interested in hearing how the fundraising quiz went in the Irish Bank Officials Association premises on the Malone Road. Anyone got some info for us?

EVERY PHONE YOU SEND WILL RAISE UP TO £10 FOR ASBAH

An easy way to help ASBAH raise money and so help people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus is to recycle your mobile phone and your inkjet cartridges. If you are sending a phone do remember to remove any SIM cards. Original manufacturer-but not compatible-Inkjet cartridges from Hewlett Packard, Canon, Lexmark and Dell are welcomed.

Phones and inkjet cartridges can be sent to:
ASBAH Appeal,
FREEPOST ANG20589
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