

## The Independent Living Funds

The Independent Living Funds (ILF) are two government-funded Trusts set up to provide financial help to severely disabled people living in the UK. It provides them with the financial resources to help them purchase personal and domestic care.

The ILF has appointed a Client Liaison Manager to increase consultation with the people who use the Funds. Part of that remit includes finding out if there are aspects of its processes and procedures that prevent people with disabilities from black and ethnic minority communities receiving the full benefit from the funding, or even exclude people from those groups.

The ILF wants to build relationships with groups representing BME communities to help with this consultation process. So far meetings have already taken place with some groups in the London area which have proved positive. The ILF hopes to encourage applications from these communities by targeting presentations, posters and literature effectively and raising awareness about the help it can provide.

To be eligible for ILF (1993 Fund) a person must live in the UK, be at least 16 years old and under 66 when they apply, receive the Highest Rate Care Component of Disability Living Allowance, receive at least £200.00 in care services from the Local Authority, have capital of less than £18,000 and be expected to live in the community (with support) for the next six months.

**To request an application form** or find out more about **ILF** ring **(0845) 601 8815** and ask to speak to Customer Services. To find out more about the work of the Client Liaison Manager ring the same number and ask to speak to **Jon Duckworth**.