

HAO UK helps people living with disabilities participate as full members of society in a way that respects their dignity and right to choose how they live their lives.

**Welcome** to HAO UK's second newsletter.

## HAO UK charity registration

The charity commission rejected the initial HAO UK application for charity status on the basis that the application form suggested that HAO UK was raising funds purely to donate to another charity.

In reality, HAO UK will be working with the well established Romanian based NGO, Fundatia pentru o Viata mai Buna (FVB), which was originally set up by HAO Ireland. The relationship with the Romanian organisation FVB has been formalised in a partnership agreement.

The creation of HAO UK will enable the charity to apply for matched funding (e.g. National Grid match funds raised at events run by their employees) and other funding sources that would not be available to HAO Ireland.

**The charity commission has accepted this partnership agreement.**

**The next hurdle to qualify for charity status is to demonstrate that we have secured £5,000 in fundraising/pledges.**

A bank account is currently being set up with the Co-operative Bank and this will help us manage our pledges.

Check out our new website kindly created by Megatone Web Design – many thanks!

[www.haouk.org.uk](http://www.haouk.org.uk)

## Fund-raising

A big **thank you** for your support! We have raised **£1,814 !!**

Here are the piccies that show how we've raised this:

Raffle



Car boot



Guided walk in Derbyshire



Leicester pub crawl/  
treasure hunt



Boston 'Royal  
Wedding' tea party



Thanks for your support. Read on to find out about our next charity event.

## A taste of Ireland

### Dublin here we come!

You are invited to join us on a weekend adventure in Ireland's magical capital city.



Starting on a **Friday in October 2011 (tbc)** you can:

- Visit Dublin Castle
- Taste the black stuff at Guinness Brewery
- Experience Kilmainham Gaol
- Explore Trinity College and the book of Kells
- Sing along next to Molly Malone
- Shop along O'Connell Street

All of this for only £350 per person

The price includes:

- Return flight from your local airport
- Accommodation for three nights in the heart of Dublin city
- Sight-seeing and evening entertainment by local guides who will guarantee a real taste of Ireland !!!!

**Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Contact Christine via email:**

**[Christine@cmsmith.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:Christine@cmsmith.wanadoo.co.uk)**

Please ensure that your drinking wallet is full and your liver is fully functional before you embark on the weekend!

Savings will be made from group bookings and these will be donated to HAO UK.

### Get your thinking caps on!

If you can think of any other exciting opportunities where we can have fun and raise money please let me know.

Please distribute this newsletter to your family and friends – the more people that know about us, the more we can raise.

Thanks again for your generosity so far.