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## Chair's Remarks

Welcome to SILC's summer newsletter.

As you may be aware, we run a number of different training courses to help people make the best use of Direct Payments to arrange and manage the care and support they need. My own Personal Assistant (PA) and I recently attended the SILC '3 Day PA Training Course' and although she has been a PA for 12 years we both found it very useful and have learnt new things.

I also attended the 'How to be a Good Boss' training which is designed to help and support Direct Payment users to be able to effectively manage the Personal Assistants they employ. I have been a 'boss' who employs PAs for 17 years but I found the training to be invaluable in teaching me so much and boosting my confidence. I would like to urge everyone to go and try these training sessions whether they have been doing this for a long time or if they are new to this as they really do help.

To find out more or to try one of the many other training sessions, please visit our website at:

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

or contact the SILC office for all the information you need.



Jason Vaughan and his PA at SILC's 'Good Boss Training'

Since our last issue we have taken over responsibility for managing the User Led Hubs at Epsom and Redhill and the soon to open Hubs at Dorking and Walton.

I would like to welcome the Volunteer Development workers at the Hubs, Sarah Lynch at Epsom and Pauline Neary at Redhill to our expanding SILC team.

Welcome also to Matt Seaby who has recently started with us at the soon to open Walton Hub and Julia Stracy who will be taking over from Pauline at The Redhill Hub when she moves to the new Hub in Dorking.

You will find information about the Hubs and some of the exciting plans we have for them in Jon's article on [page 9](#).

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