

Positive Futures' "What About Me?" Welcome Award

What is "What About Me?"?



The people we support told us about their experiences of having a learning disability. What they said was shocking. Being bullied and being treated differently to others. All they wanted was to be included and treated the same way as everyone else.



In April 2014, we started a campaign to tell the public about the discrimination (being treated differently) and abuse that the people we support face.

The campaign is called "What About Me?".



We arranged events in local councils to tell people about the problems some of the people we support have had.



Some of their stories were printed in newspapers. One lady was invited to tell her story on TV.



It is important to talk about the problems that the people we support face.

It is also important to celebrate the good things and the good people that welcome and support people with a learning disability.

That is why we created the Welcome Award.



What is the Welcome Award?

Some businesses provide great service to the people we support and their families.

We want to know who these businesses are. We want to thank them for doing such a good job.

The business might be a leisure centre, a shop, a restaurant or a company who work in an office. It might be one person, like a taxi driver.

Do you know a person or business that deserves the Award?

Please tell us their name and why you think they deserve this Award.



Tell us by email welcomeaward@positive-futures.net or phone Kerry Alexander on 028 9147 5720.

We will contact the business and let them know that you have nominated them.



We will ask them if they want to be part of the Award.



More about the Welcome Award

There are some things the business needs to do to be part of the Award.

One thing is that they must sign a certificate, or pledge, to say that they will continue to provide great service.

If they want to be part of the Award and agree to do the things we ask, we will send them some stickers to put in their window.

The stickers will show you and the public that the business is a welcoming place for people with a learning disability, acquired brain injury or autism.



Who has received the Welcome Award?

A list of all the places who have received the Award is on our website: www.positive-futures.net. It is called the Welcoming Places Register.



Are you not happy with the service you received from a person or business that has the Welcome Award?

Speak to a member of staff in that business.

Or, you can contact Positive Futures.



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