

## Digital Stories

Advocacy Matters Wales were very fortunate to be awarded funding from the National Lottery's Awards for All Wales' scheme to make four digital stories.

Digital stories are short multi-media movies, that combine photographs, animation, sound, text and the narrative voice.



We were keen to produce personal digital stories about the lives of some of our service users, to raise awareness of the impact that advocacy has had for them. We hope to reach people with these stories, who are unable to read, and may not be able to access information about the organisation through other formats, like our information leaflets, newsletters and the website.

The four stories have now been completed. Thank you to Storyworks who helped with editing these. Please visit our website to watch them.

## Thank You

We would like to thank the Principality Building Society for their continued support. The Service User group recently enjoyed holding their meeting at the Cardiff and Vale College, which was organised by James Harper, Principality's Local Marketing Support Manager.





# AGM and Christmas Party 2016



This years AGM and Christmas party was at Fairwater Conservative Club. Lynsey Pugh did a great job again singing and doing the disco. There were many people up dancing enjoying the music.



Julie & Alan

There was a buffet and a fantastic raffle with many prizes. We had a good dance and everyone seemed to be having fun.

Write up by Janice and Veronica



Harry & Hayley



Veronica, Julie & Janice



Chris & Angela



## Service User Group Christmas Lunch



Sandra, Mike, Peter & Janice

Here is a piece that Gemma helped to write about the Christmas lunch.

This year we went for a fantastic lunch to The Sandmartin in Leckwith.

We had a lovely Christmas dinner and dessert and the staff were really nice.

We played bingo at the end and I had the full-house and won a Terry's Chocolate Orange.

We all had fun and hope to do it again next year. Thank you Advocacy Matters Wales!



John, Angela, Veronica & Gemma

## Service User Group Achievements

Since the last newsletter the Service User Group at Advocacy Matters have -

- Been involved in the making of the Digital Stories.
- Attended Learning Disability Wales' Annual Conference .
- Helped with sending out the invites for the Christmas party.
- Helped design and provide stories for this newsletter.

## LDW Annual Conference



I felt really glad to be asked to attend Learning Disability Wales' Annual Conference and represent AMW with Jo Sullivan in November. The day was great and we were well looked after.

We met some really nice people. I especially enjoyed the group workshops, as I was able to speak up and express myself more than I had ever done before.

Doing things like this with AMW has helped my confidence over the last few years, getting my out of the house, meeting new people.

**Peter Eames - SUG**

## Summer Barbeque



Matthew

We held a barbeque for service users and staff at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in July. Luckily the rain stayed off and we had a nice afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the hotdogs and burgers.

## Bits and Bobs



Congratulations to Meg (Advocate) who had a beautiful baby girl called Esmeralda.



Jane our Director has become a grandmother again to baby Olive. Congratulations!



The Christmas raffle raised £170 this year. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets at the party.

## New Trustees

We are very fortunate to welcome two new Trustees to Advocacy Matters Wales who will be working with the organisation.

They are: Dennis Clarke and Rhodri Davies.

To find out more about our new Trustee's, please visit the Advocacy Matters Website.

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