

Our Annual General Meeting



We are proud to present...

Service Users, Staff, and friends made it through the snow to our AGM. People shared stories of how advocacy had helped them. The Service User Group gave their first presentation after completing workshops with Hijinx Theatre. There was a lovely buffet afterwards. A BIG Thank you to everyone who came along.



Christmas Party



Our Christmas party was a big success. We danced the night away. There was a great buffet and lots of raffle prizes.

It was an opportunity for everyone from Advocacy Matters Wales, Cardiff People First and Parent's Federation to party!



Dancing the night away



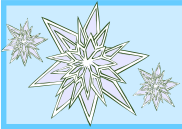
Relax and have fun



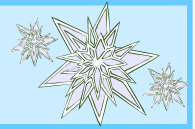
A chance to dress up!



Celebrating with friends!



Snow Stories



Angela was stuck at Dublin Airport for two days trying to get home because of the snow. Angela was going to spend Christmas with her family in Rome, but missed her flight due to the snow!
There's snow place like home!



Huw lost 5 of his fish when the pond in his garden froze to a depth of an inch during the snow. Huw said "The fish have thrived there for 7 years." Huw has bought a pond heater for the remaining 17 fish which includes a Ghost Koi nearly a foot long.



Ghost Koi

A Big Thank You!

We thank former trustees Ian Ferris and Ray Kemp who have left Advocacy Matters Wales Board. We thank them for all their commitment they have given over the years.

Service User Group Christmas Meal



The Service User Group enjoying a Christmas Meal

The Service User Group had a fabulous Christmas meal at the Goscombe Pub, Cardiff. We all enjoyed a 3 course dinner, with Christmas crackers, paper hats and jokes. Even the snow couldn't stop us from celebrating! Thank you to our Service User Group for all their commitment in 2010.

Service Users and Hijinx

The Service User Group has completed 17 weeks of workshops with Hijinx Theatre, at Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff.

Advocates and our Director Jane Lane joined the Service User Group for the workshops .

The group learnt how to warm up their voices before speaking and exercises to loosen up before a presentation.

Michael Goode Arts Development Officer for the Arts Council of Wales came to visit one of our workshops and said, "It was great to see the group in action. I thoroughly enjoyed the session." If you would like our Service User Group to give a presentation to your organisation or community group please contact our office.



The service User Group warming-up with Lisa Harris at Hijinx Theatre workshop



Mike Hill and Simon Robbins with advocate Nathan Meredith

Further Funding from the Welsh Assembly



Image by Mark Annis

The Welsh Assembly Government has agreed to continue funding the Asperger syndrome Independent Advocacy Service in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan for another 3 years. This is great news! We are now busy looking for match funding by 1st April 2011.

Hello and Goodbye



Welcome Emma!

Emma is a new Advocate and started at AMW in December.

Welcome Simon!

Simon is our new office cleaner. Simon Said, "I love my job!"



News Update

Congratulations!

To Sarah who had a new baby girl called Emme. All are doing very well!



Advocate Rhodri ran the Cardiff half Marathon in October raising £500 for AMW. Well Done!



Look out for the '**Disability is not Inability**' Shop in the Capitol Centre, Cardiff **21st—25th Feb 10am-3pm**, organised by Cardiff People

First. There will be film presentations, performances and information about Learning disability. AMW will be giving a presentation **11am Monday 21st February**. For more information phone AMW or CPF.

Come along to the **Hub Café** in Barry on **24th Feb 11am -3pm** meet our Service User Group and see our DVD.



Saturday 25th June 12 noon - 5pm AMW will be at the Canton Garden Fair in Victoria Park, Cardiff.

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