Citizens not Service Users

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Llais Cenedlaethol Pobl ag Anableddau Dysgu yng Nghymru



The National Voice of People with Learning Disabilities in Wales

Who are we?

- People First Movement Oregon
- National Umbrella Body of selfadvocacy organisation in Wales
- Disabled Persons Organisation (D.P.O)
- Only National LD organisation in Wales that is led by adults with learning disabilities in Wales

People First **Too Quiet Too Long** "We don't like labels." One hundred and twenty self advocates gathered last month in Cardiff's Star Centre to discuss the way "We don't like people to talk about us as if forward for self-advocacy in Wales we're not there." The conference - 'Too Quiet Too Long' - was organised by students and staff from the Certificate "We don't like contract work (in ATC's) Course in Further Education and Training of People because the money is terrible. If we work, with Learning Difficulties at South Glamorgan we want a proper wage." Institute of Higher Education. There were presentations by the People First Groups from "We know what we want. We can say what we London and Thames and from Llwynypia Adult want. You must listen." The conference certainly boosted the confidence "People in Centres need help from outside of the self-advocates present and increased everybody's determination to develop and strengthen "We as self-advocates need to learn about self-advocacy throughout Wales what people want who cannot speak." A follow-up questionnaire has been circulated to get a clearer idea of how to progress in establishing a People First (Wales) organisation SCOVO exists to help promote an ordinary life for people in Wales with a mental handicap and to foster voluntary action.

Who are we?

- Led by a National Council of member groups across the 22 Counties in Wales
- Chief Executive with lived Experience of living in Learning Disability services.



Self-Advocacy

- Best form of advocacy
- Ultimate Preventative Service
- Knowing your rights individually
- Working together for political change

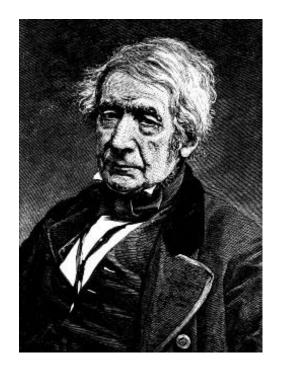


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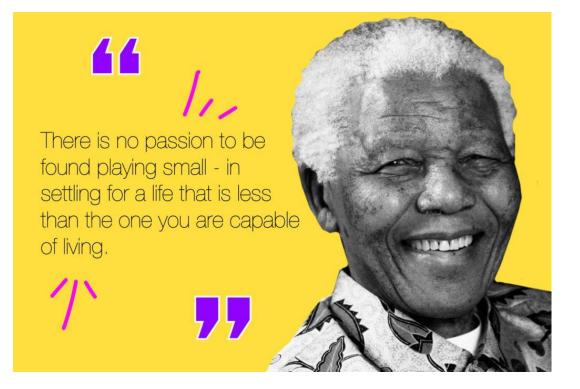
Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."



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Self-advocates in History

The challenges our members face

- Being seen as adults
- Meaningful lives (Employment)
- Economically disadvantaged
- Isolation and Loneliness



The challenges our members face

- Parenthood
- Low aspirations (Society)
- Health Inequalities
- Restrictive Practices
- Transport



How we work together for change

- Sharing our members stories
- Political Manifesto
- AdFest
- Regional Councils



How we work together for change

- The National Council
- Member Engagement Forums
- Campaigning and Lobbying
- Consultation Responses



Through Our Eyes Project



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All Wales People First invites you to the:

Through Our Eyes
Celebration event

Sponsored by Jane Hutt MS

November 24th 2022, 2-4pm
at the Senedd, Cardiff Bay

Keynote speaker: First Minister, Mark Drakeford MS



We will be celebrating the stories and achievements of people with learning disabilities in Wales, come and join us!



Light refreshments will be available and numbers are limited. Let us know if you'd like to attend.
Email: admin@allwalespeople1st.co.uk

















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The Challenges we face...

- Advocacy Grant Scheme
- SSWB Wales Act/ IPA Contracts
- Covid 19 Recovery
- Local authority cuts



Thanks for listening