

# GWYNEDD SHARED LIVES

Room to spare?

Time to share?

Ever considered car-  
ing?



## What is it?

**Do you have the time and the commit-  
ment to help care for vulnerable adults  
in your own home?**

Gwynedd Adult Placement (Shared Lives Scheme) is looking for carers who are willing to open their homes for a fee!



Gwynedd Shared Lives believe that people should be able to lead the lives that they want, whilst they receive the Support that they require in the home of their choice.

We arrange for people with additional support needs to have short breaks or live long term in the homes of carefully selected people called Shared Lives carers. The care provided is flexible and tailored to the individual's personal needs.

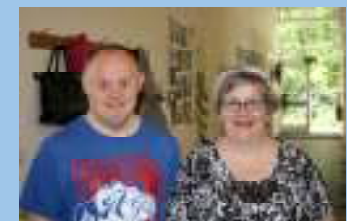
## Did you know?

- ⇒ 6% of Gwynedd and Anglesey residents suffer from some form of disability.
- ⇒ This scheme has successfully placed a number of adults over the last 2 years who need independent care. **Unfortunately 36% of the applications that are received by us still have to be turned down due to lack of placements.**
- ⇒ With a population likely to have to accommodate older citizens over the next 10 years, a 7.3% increase is also predicted in care demands.

⇒ **You're support is needed NOW!**

### ⇒ Service Users:

- ◇ Older people (65 +)
- ◇ Adults (18 +) who have:
  - Learning disability
  - Mental health problems
  - Physical Disability



## Who are we looking for?

### People who are able to provide:

- A spare room and a commitment to caring for people.
- Are able to provide more than 'bed and breakfast'.
  - Ability to provide a safe and stable home.
  - Genuine interest in the person, and willingness to provide support to ensure opportunities for the individual to integrate into the local community.
  - Willing to encourage the person to continue his / her relationships with friends and family and to attend the day centre or college.

### We would like to hear from you if:

- You want to make a real difference to people's lives
- You are enthusiastic and motivated
- You are positive and caring
- You are sensitive to people's needs
- You can work to agreed plans
- You are looking for a flexible way to earn additional income

**Previous experience** in the care sector would be useful but it is not a requirement. Enthusiasm is just as valuable.

## What does this mean to me?

### Job satisfaction

- A job as a carer is known as one of the most rewarding jobs on a personal level.

### Training

- We will provide you with induction, training and support.

### Paid work

- You will receive a weekly payment (includes a generous tax allowance).
- If the tenancy agreement is attached to the location, then the individual will pay rent for his room.



*"I love it - it's a full time job, but we're having so much fun" -*

Enabler

*"This innovative program is showing a way of supporting vulnerable people to be independent" -*

Councillor

*"This is the best scheme in Gwynedd that offers a safe family home and sense of community for vulnerable individuals" -*

Officer

## More information?

If you would like to know more about the Shared Lives Scheme please contact:

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