### **About Gwynedd and Anglesey Shared Lives**

The Shared Lives Scheme is a part of the Gwynedd Learning Disability service and offers Shared Lives services across Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Established in 2005, the Scheme is now that consists of many enablers who support long term, short term, respite and day placements.

We are located in Gwynedd Council officer in Pwllheli and Dolgellau and Anglesey Council office in Llangefni.

For further information, contact us on:

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A shared life is a better life

#### What is Shared Lives?

Our service concentrates on a family sharing their home, family life, interests, experiences and skills with vulnerable individuals who need support to live as independent as possible.

Gwynedd and Anglesey Shared Lives are looking for enablers who can provide a familial environment that can help someone who needs support to live life to their full potential, to access the community, promote their independence and develop their skills.

Support can be provided through the following placements:

- Long term
- Short term
- Respite
- Day support

The support is available for anyone 18+ with any of the following

- Learning disability
- Mental health problem
- Physical disability
- Sensory impairment

#### Who can be an enabler?

All types of people can become enablers: couples, single people, families, home owners, tenants. There is no age limit on who can become an enabler.

We are looking for committed enablers who wants to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable individuals in a familial environment.



#### What about the assessment process?

In order to become an enabler, a thorough assessment process needs to be completed that contains a detailed assessment, DBS check, personal and medical reference checks, employment history and mortgage lender/landlord confirmation.

# What support is available for enablers by the Scheme?

- Relevant training
- Close match between the individual and your family
- Continued support by the Shared Lives officer that will meet with you regularly and will support you with all placements.
- Access to support from 'Shared Lives Plus'; the national network for Shared Lives.

#### What about pay?

Enablers can support up to 3 individuals at the same time in their home (dependent on the match and the suitability of the home), and they will receive payments for each placement.

Shared Lives enablers are not employed by neither Gwynedd nor Anglesey Councils, they are self-employed and are responsible for making their own National Insurance and tax payments.

#### Would you like more information?

If you would like more information about becoming an enabler with the Scheme, or know anyone that would benefit from

receiving support through the Scheme, then contact us through the details on the back. Discussions could be held over the phone or an officer could arrange to come out to see you.