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**“Proud to support
people to be part of
their community”**

Inclusion Alliance AGM

We had a fantastic annual meeting on Wednesday the 22nd April at the South Leith Parish Church



Inclusion Alliance Newsletter

We are delighted to restart the Inclusion Alliance newsletter. Our aim is to give everyone a space and opportunity to share their news, achievements and much more, as well as keeping up to date with Inclusion news, the Charter for Involvement Group, events, and training opportunities.

**Do you have a news story?
Something interesting to tell?**

Contact

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Charter for Involvement meeting 8th April

The focus group had a great discussion that discussed promoting and highlighting volunteer opportunities. This was done at this years AGM and future newsletters. The introduction of a new digital case management system was also raised.

I am Lesley Campbell Staff member of Inclusion Alliance. I supported an individual I work with to access a **new volunteering opportunity at The Salvation Army donation centre**. The induction included health and safety and meeting staff.

What were the goals and desired outcomes?

- Provide a structure and routine and a sense of purpose.
- Build social connections
- Increased confidence in new skills
- Creating new relationships
- Promoting independence
- Community engagement

Supporting this person to engage in volunteering has been a positive and rewarding experience for me.

What Happened?

I was onboarded as a volunteer at the centre, and time and energy were given to both of us to feel included and welcomed. I supported him to access this opportunity working alongside him to take the initial steps. He was in a good position to start to understand the expectations of the role and feel comfortable in the new environment.

Learning and feedback

Seeing him successfully move into a new volunteer role demonstrated how building relationships and skills and maintaining links with previous opportunities can open doors to new ones.

The manager at the Salvation Army donation centre explained, 'we are delighted to welcome him into the centre, it was very positive and looking forward to working with him'.

What was the situation?

Lev, who has autism, used to share a flat and faced many challenges with engagement and communication.

Inclusion staff member Roberto explained that once Lev started living on his own, he became more relaxed and able to engage more positively with activities and the people in his circle of support.

What went well?

Lev enjoys silence and quiet and goes to reflexology to help him process his worries.

Routine helps to manage his time.

Lev's communication and understanding have improved due to the **building of trust** with Roberto and Inclusion Alliance staff. Lev enjoyed having more time and space to process a task or action and this gave him more **confidence**.

Roberto also highlighted the importance of being realistic with Lev, to communicate adult to adult, and to include Lev in the ups and downs of daily life. Lev's relationships within the community are key to supporting him and establishing strong bonds and **independence**.



Board and staff updates

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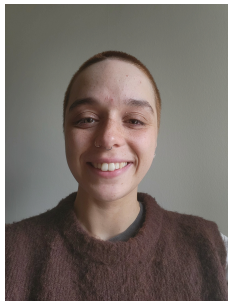
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Support Worker

I have come to inclusion alliance as I really want to help people be included within their communities and want everyone to be able to grow and learn to their full potential!

I would love to achieve creating fun and meaningful days for people and help them to feel joy in their day to day lives, whether that be through helping them with my experience in art or other work they like to do!

I started in March as the Project Manager. I am looking at new activities, opportunities and outcomes. Working on a new communications plan that includes the newsletter and website.



NEW Board members

Welcome to Jayne Kemp

Campaigns

Learning Disability Week takes place Monday 15 to Sunday 21 June 2026.

Lets celebrate the amazing things that people with a learning disability are doing in our *community*

Events and actions next month



Birthdays - No Birthdays in MAY!

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