

What is different about our approach?

All our work is underpinned by a strong values base. We believe that each individual has the right to dream about, plan and create a desirable future. Through our successfully developed approach we promote:

- ★ Social inclusion in ordinary community settings.
- ★ Opportunities for people to develop natural and sustained friendships and relationships.
- ★ Chances for people to learn and develop their skills.
- ★ Attitudes that value and celebrate difference.
- ★ Communication through the widest and most creative means.
- ★ The development of the whole person, taking into consideration: health, spirituality, relationships, home life, activities, purpose, risk, learning and creative expression.



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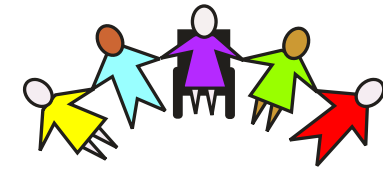


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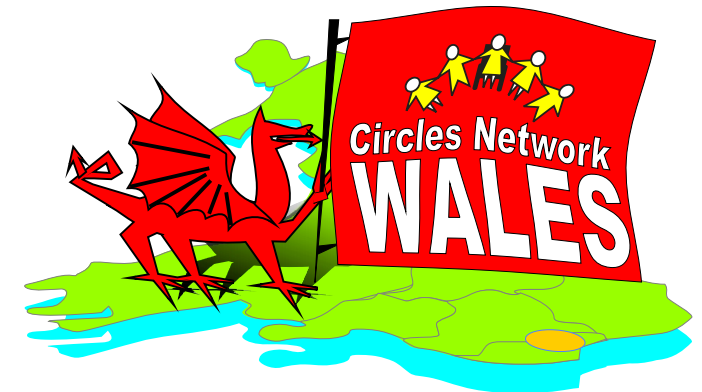
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Circles Network
Wales


**A project supporting
people with learning
difficulties across Wales
to become involved in
community life**


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The aims of Circles Network Wales are...


 To support adults with learning difficulties across Wales who are experiencing social exclusion or who are at risk of being isolated, to become included in community life.

 To provide accessible person-centred support, which is in the control of the focus person.

 To assist people to develop circles of support and to use person-centred planning tools to make positive life changes.

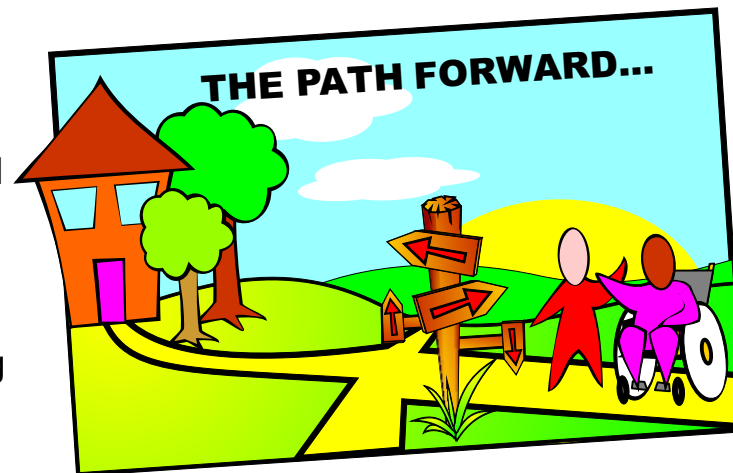
 To provide collective advocacy through circles of support.

 To offer training and development courses to a wide range of people.


 To develop projects supporting disabled children and adults and family carers across Wales


What is a circle of support?


Essentially the idea of a circle of support is a very simple one, to help someone establish a personal social network. In practice however, when people have experienced broken relationships and systems which segregate and disempower, creating such a network requires deliberate action to make opportunities for natural relationships to flourish.



Principles of a circle:

 A circle of support is structured in a way that operates totally in the control of the focus person.

 The circle is made up of people that support the focus person in a non-patronising and non-judgemental way e.g. friends and family.

 Once formed, the circle is there to assist the person to achieve the dreams and ambitions that they may hold.



*"To the world you may be one person
but to one person you may be the world"*