



## Stronger Together Awards Partnership in action



#### About us

## Who are People First?

People First has been supporting people across the North of England for over 30 years.

Our work is built upon the foundational belief that each and every individual is treated equally and fairly. We strive to make this a reality by supporting people to have their views heard and their rights respected so that they can live their lives the way they choose.

In Lancashire, we have the privilege of facilitating the Lancashire Learning Disability Peer Advocacy Network, and supporting the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

The Peer Advocacy Network, established by Lancashire County Council, brings people with a learning disability together with a shared purpose: to live their lives the way they choose, uninhibited by societal limitations or misconceptions.

We do this in many ways, including empowering members to speak up and to advocate for themselves and their peers.

Members of the Network, empower one another to be creative and determined to achieve their aspirations, as well as challenging inequality and injustice when they see it.

The Network gives opportunities for collaborative work to ensure people with a learning disability get better access to health and social care, housing or employment. It champions the rights of people to develop friendships, relationships and to be heard and seen as valued members of communities.

Building upon individual and collective experiences, the Network has the confidence and insight to help shape current and future services and systems. It is not solely focused on empowering its members, the Network aims to achieve societal change across the county. Change where communities, businesses and industries do not discriminate or exclude people with a learning disability from the same opportunities available to others.

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# What is the Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board?





The Lancashire Learning Disability
Partnership Board is a platform for this
collective, collaborative work to improve
the lives and opportunities of people with
a learning disability in the county.

The Board has representatives from:

- Statutory organisations, responsible for both universal and specialist services accessed by people with a learning disability.
- Community organisations, promoting equal, valued citizenship.
- People with lived experience of a learning disability and their family or carers.

Our vision is to bring impactful, meaningful, change.



#### About the awards

# Stronger Together Awards

The Stronger Together Awards event is like no other in Lancashire.

Over 120 guests from across the county's public, private and third sector will come together at Barton Manor Hotel on the 24<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the people who help make our community stronger. The event will shine a light on the individuals, groups and organisations making a real difference to the lives of people with a learning disability through collaboration, advocacy and inclusive practice.

These awards recognise that lasting change happens when voices are heard, partnerships are valued, and inclusion is at the heart of everything we do.

The Stronger Together Awards is our Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board flagship event. We are working with businesses to change the way they work alongside people with a learning disability. We are actively looking for new business partners to become part of this. Sponsoring this event could be your initial step!

You have the potential to help change lives and strengthen local communities.



"The Stronger Together Awards is a celebration of unity and impact in Lancashire and to honour those making a real difference. This event showcases the power of collaboration, advocacy, and inclusion.

I'm thrilled to see our community come together to recognise these champions of change. Let's continue to value every voice and partnership, making our community stronger together. Join us and be part of what comes next!"

Kirsty Morgan: People First: Head of Inclusion





## Event sponsorship

We are looking to work alongside a team of sponsors who share our values and with whom we can work collaboratively to ensure the event is a huge success. The Awards are in recognition of work that demonstrates the value of partnership, champions speaking up, listening, and taking action to make lives better for people with a learning disability.

## The awards

The awards we have available for sponsorship are:

#### Headline Sponsor: £500

 Outstanding Partnership Award: Voted for by the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

#### Award Sponsor: £250

- Self-advocate of the Year Award: Celebrating a commitment to self and peer advocacy, voted for by the Peer Advocacy Network.
- Self-advocacy Award for North Lancashire
- Self-advocacy Award for East Lancashire
- Self-advocacy Award for Central Lancashire
- Self-advocacy Award for West Lancashire
- Impact Awards: 3 Awards for professionals/community members, voted for by the Peer Advocacy Network.
- Health Partnership Award: Voted for by the Health subgroup of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.
- Friends and Relationships Partnership Award: Voted for by the Friends and Relationships subgroup of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.
- **Inclusive Employer Award**: Recognising an employer who has provided exceptional opportunities for people with a learning disability.

### The bigger picture

## The benefits

Your support and sponsorship for this unique event brings a raft of benefits for everyone involved. Raised profile, publicity, new networks, morale boost, visibility of commitment to social responsibility, community engagement and much more!

People with a learning disability have experienced significant disadvantage over many years. To be recognised and celebrated in this way is a clear indication of the change that has taken place, and that needs to continue.

As our award sponsor you will receive:

#### **Headline Sponsor:**

- Opportunity to present the Outstanding Partnership Award.
- Your logo included on your sponsored award, and on all event material as the Headline Sponsor.
- Your logo and link featured prominently on event web page, social posts and press releases
- Space for a pull up banner and a table in our information area to showcase your business.
- 5 tickets for you, your colleagues of friends
- Certificate of sponsorship recognition

#### **Award Sponsor:**

- 2 tickets for you, your colleagues or friends
- The opportunity to present your award and photo taken with the recipient
- The opportunity to include promotional material in our award packs, that every attendee will receive
- Certificate of sponsorship recognition

## Next steps

For further information, please contact our Self Advocacy and Community Worker, Maria, on **01228 474479**.

Or you can email maria.lord@wearepeoplefirst.co.uk. Thank you.





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