



Wales Alliance for Citizen Directed Support Council

Who's Who – March 2011

Introduction

- ✘ Our constitution for the WACDS creates the opportunity for an Alliance Council made up of 18 members. The council is to be made up of:

Citizens	Professionals
3 Citizens who use social care	3 Voluntary sector professionals
3 Carers / family members of people using social care	3 Statutory sector professionals
3 Other citizens (eg. friends etc)	3 Other professionals (e.g. lawyers etc)

- ✘ In this document you can find out who the WACDS Alliance Council are.
- ✘ Where there are vacancies in particular categories, recommendations can be made at the Alliance Council meetings.
- ✘ There will be lots of ways that individuals and agencies can get involved alongside Council Membership. We really want to build the Alliance in a way that it helps everybody get involved.
- ✘ The Council will be truly representative of all the people involved in Citizen Directed Support across Wales. We feel that this may mean that Council members may need to stand down at the SGM to enable the council to truly reflect the growing diversity of the Alliance.
- ✘ The Alliance will work to make Citizen Directed Support a reality for people across Wales.

Who are the Alliance Council?

Citizen's who use social care services

Stephen Wyn Jones



I have been involved with the development of Citizen Directed Support for the last 2 years. I have my own support plan and individual budget. I am the chair person of the Ling Trust which is a charity. I am a member of groups representing citizens in Wrexham.

I am a trained Quality Checker using the Reach standards (SWS Group), I am also trained to recruit staff in a person centred way (My staff, My say).

Jonathon Richards



I am a member of the national council of All Wales People First. I am also on the Welsh Assembly Learning Disability Implementation Action Group. I am an active member of People First and have committee experience in Ceredigion.

Jonathon is one of the Co-Chairs of the Council.

Carole Rowlands



I am a member of My Staff, My say so I am used to working with others. I can support others to have their say. I was a quality checker using the Reach Standards. I am able to communicate with the people in the community. I live in the Wrexham area.

Carers or family members of people using social care

(There is one vacancy in this group)

Mrs Jacqui Caldwell



I can bring a personal perspective as I care for my 19 year old son Mark, who is involved with the Citizen Support Project in Denbighshire

I'm pro active in North Wales as I chair NEWSA (North East Wales Self Advocacy) am a executive member on Denbighshire Learning Disability Forum and a Trustee on Learning Disability Wales. I would be able to communicate to a wider audience across both North and South Wales.

Kate Young



I wish to join the Alliance Council because as a carer of my brother Matthew I believe that citizen directed support should be a real option for everyone living in Wales. I hope that it will mean greater choice for Matthew and our family and many other families like us.

In addition to being a carer I also have some networks that would be useful. I sit on the Wales Carers Alliance and am the Director for the All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers in Wales. I would use these valuable connections with carers and families to look to create a two way communication between the Alliance Council and carers across Wales, helping to promote the work of the Council and bringing back the views of carers to help ensure citizen directed support becomes the community led approach that it aims to be.

Other citizens – (There are two vacancies in this group)

Margaret Gregory

I have been involved from in Citizen Directed Support in Wales from the beginning. Before retiring I started the first programme of citizen directed support in Wales in Wrexham. While I believe we have benefitted and built on the experience and support of people in England, especially in Control, the Alliance is distinctively Welsh and is developing a model of Citizen Directed Support that is tailor made for Wales.

If elected to the Council I will bring experience, enthusiasm and an independent perspective to assist in developing opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities.

Voluntary Sector Professionals

Stephen Harris



Stephen is the Chief Executive of Dewis Centre for Independent Living. He has a long experience of developing services and developing a centre for Independent Living incorporating person centred planning support and independent advocacy. He is maintaining service led influences over this development in various parts of Wales.

Stephen is a co-opted member of the Alliance Council.

Judith North



Judith is the Director of Reach Support and has been involved in developing person centred services with people for a number of years, she has a wealth of experience of agencies working to change their practice across the UK.

Judith is passionate about creating supports that are driven by the relationships that people have.

Paul Swann



I have represented Disability Wales on this WACDS Steering Group since February 2009 as an Independent Living Policy officer. I am committed to achieving policy changes that give all disabled people more choice and control over their lives. I believe that Citizen Directed Support has the potential to transform social services so that disabled people and others are no longer regarded as passive recipients of services, but are genuinely involved, on an equal basis with professionals in designing and providing services that promote independent living.

I would bring a good understanding of disability issues and group processes to the Alliance council.

Rick Wilson



Rick works for Community Lives Consortium an agency which supports adults who have learning disabilities to live in the communities of South Wales for the last 25 years.

I want to develop an approach to Citizen Directed Support which helps us to choose how we live together with the people around us by developing strong mutually supportive relationships. I believe this can only happen if we all reach out to each other and the wider community and start to build the structures that we all need to live sustainably with the money and other resources that we have. The next few years are not going to be easy but if we work together I believe that we can achieve a great deal.

Statutory Sector Professionals – There is currently one vacancy in this group

Mark Cooper



I have experience of the development and implementation of self directed models of support and have coordinated the Flintshire pilot in collaboration with disabled people, their family carers and other statutory and non statutory organizations, groups and forums

I have contributed on a national level to the evolution of the personalization agenda in Wales and have been involved strategically in the development of creative approaches towards service transformation.

I have a strong commitment to the principles of diversity, social inclusion, co-production, community and equal opportunities and believe that I have the energy and creativity to contribute effectively to the revolution of the provision of social care services in Wales. Mark works for Flintshire Community Services Directorate Learning Disabilities

Elaine McGuire



I have been involved in the implementation of Citizen Directed Support since October 2007 in Wrexham, which was the first local authority in Wales to take this approach, underpinned by person centred approaches. There are currently approximately 100 people in Wrexham who have Citizen Directed Support.

I firmly believe that people should have a real say in how best to support them to get the right balance of paid support and natural support in their lives. I have been an active member of the Wales Alliance for Citizen Directed Support, also since October 2007 as the local authority representative and have an excellent understanding of all the elements required to create a sustainable Welsh model.

Other Professionals

Luke Conlon



I have over 20 years experience in developing community in a range of roles covering local, regional and national boundaries.

I care deeply about promoting inclusive communities and celebrating diversity and will bring enthusiasm, knowledge and experience to the WADS council.

I would work responsibly and collectively in bringing this important citizen directed agenda forward in Wales.

Luke is also one of the Co-chairs of the Council

Angela Hughes



I have worked in the social care sector for 24 years, beginning my working life in the field of Older People before moving on to work with people with learning disabilities. I am currently employed as a Person Centred Planning Coordinator, developing and delivering training, mentoring teams, coaching individuals, parents & carers and staff to develop and implement person centred plans, though the medium of English and in Welsh .

I am an accredited trainer with Helen Sanderson Associates, developing & delivering training and facilitation in all aspects of Person Centred Thinking and Person Centred Reviews, which underpins the development of detailed support plans.

I am passionate about my work and committed to sharing my learning to support people who use services have more control of their lives and to live life in a way that makes sense to them .

Stuart Marsh



Nearly 12 years working with individuals with learning disabilities and mental health problems. Five and a half years as a domiciliary care manager developing a supported living community. I have a very strong commitment to working with individuals and their families and friends to achieve positive/desired outcomes. I am highly articulate and am accustomed to advocating on other behalf.

Currently I am working with a young man to achieve self Directed Support for him and developing my role as a support broker.



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