

# A partnership with **Diverse Abilities Plus**



**Diverse Abilities**  
**plus**  
supporting \* empowering \* including

# Providing a lifetime of education, opportunities and support



*Diverse Abilities Plus provides up to 24/7 care for adults and children.*

Living with physical or learning disabilities can present enormous challenges, not just for the individual affected, but also for their families. That's why Diverse Abilities Plus works with families throughout Dorset to help meet the needs of people of all ages with physical and/or learning disabilities.

The charity provides a range of vital support and services for children and adults with disabilities, many of which are profound or complex. We're different because we endeavour to be a 'lifetime partner' – working with individuals and their families throughout every stage of their lives to empower them and offer the best level of assistance, support and education.

## Diverse Abilities Plus services for children and young people include:

**Langside School**, an independent, non-maintained specialist day school for children aged 2-19 with profound physical and learning disabilities. The school helps pupils to reach their full potential and learn to be as communicative and independent as possible.

**Shapes**, which provides individually tailored, flexible domiciliary care at home to help children develop as independent and social people, while offering support to parents.

**Smithers**, an overnight and short stay residential home with fully equipped bedrooms which offers a home-from-home for children and a welcome break for families managing the challenges of providing full-time care for their child.

**Project My Time**, which provides holiday activities that give young people with disabilities the same leisure and fun opportunities that their peers enjoy.

## Diverse Abilities Plus services for adults include:

**Barnabas**, a well-equipped day opportunities centre where adults with disabilities can socialise, make new friends, acquire valuable skills and enjoy a wide range of experiences.

**Supported Living**, a valuable service that enables people with disabilities to live their lives to the full, in their own home, with up to 24/7 support and assistance provided by a dedicated staff team.





*We need over £12,000 every day to fund our work supporting hundreds of people with disabilities and their families.*

## Why support Diverse Abilities Plus?

- We support hundreds of families throughout the community in Dorset.
- We provide the only service in the county which supports individuals throughout their whole life.
- We have a simple aim to support people with physical and/or learning disabilities to ensure they reach their full potential in whatever they do.
- We will work with your company to promote our combined efforts to your staff, clients and stakeholders.

## Corporate partnerships

**Through a partnership with Diverse Abilities Plus you can achieve:**

- recognised community involvement
- an augmented, meaningful CSR programme
- positive publicity for your brand
- approval from your customers and clients through supporting a recognised need
- a partnership with an established, professional and well-known local charity
- employee engagement

**'This organisation's dedication to managing and supplying services to people with physical and learning disabilities is outstanding. They enter into their next 50 years of service with my best wishes.'**

**Simon Weston, OBE, Falklands Veteran**

## Partnership ideas

There are many ways that we can work together to support people with disabilities. Here are just a few ideas to get you started:

- Sponsor a particular project.
- Develop a campaign with us.
- Organise events like golf days, fun days or dinners.
- Design joint events with us such as challenge events, sponsored music events or community activities.
- Engage in awareness marketing, helping to promote both organisations, generate positive media coverage, enhance brand affinity and increase customer loyalty.
- Get your employees involved through payroll giving, fundraising activities, volunteering, dress-down days, workplace raffles and much, much more!



## Successful partnerships

Large or small, every bit of support we receive is invaluable. So however we work together, you can help give a priceless gift – while promoting your organisation as a valued member of the community.

Diverse Abilities Plus will dedicate considerable energy to working with your organisation, ensuring that our partnership is truly beneficial to both organisations and that it has a big impact on the lives of those who use our services. We will ensure you receive full fundraising and publicity support from our enthusiastic and professional team. We will keep you up-to-date with news of the projects you have supported so that you can share this with your staff, clients and stakeholders.

If you'd like to work with us to support people with disabilities in our community and help build a reputation as an organisation passionate about making a difference in Dorset – please get in touch. We look forward to working with you.

**Helen Alexander**

*Fundraiser*

*There are an estimated 210,000 people with severe and profound learning disabilities in England.*

*Source: Valuing People, Department of Health (2001)*



At Diverse Abilities Plus, we believe there's a lot more to a person than the label they happen to have. That's why we work with children and adults with a huge range of physical and learning disabilities, giving them the opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

We can't do this without your support. For information about how you can help give people the chances they need, by giving a donation, fundraising or helping raise awareness, please contact us today.



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