

Telford Children's Autism Hub

Spotlight on Children's Autism Hub

Children and Young People Engagement

Our children and young people are at the heart of the hub and their voices are vital to the support we offer.

Their views count and the Elevate Youth Group is one way in which young people can participate in different ways. They have been involved in a number of awareness raising projects and we wanted to highlight the valuable contributions 2 of our volunteers have made within the community.



Celebrating Excellence: Young Volunteers Honoured with High Sheriff's Award

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with our community! Two of our remarkable young volunteers have been recognised for their exceptional contributions. Joe and Bray, both integral members of our Elevate Youth Group and dedicated volunteers within the [Council for Voluntary Service](#) (CVS), have been honoured with the prestigious High Sheriff's Award. 🎉

Joe's Achievements in Voluntary and Community Work

Joe has been awarded for his outstanding voluntary and community work. As a volunteer youth mentor, he plays a pivotal role in fostering a nurturing environment for young individuals. Joe's commitment to supporting and guiding his peers is evident in his invaluable facilitation of the Quiet Chess Club at the Hub. His dedication to creating spaces where everyone feels welcome and encouraged is truly inspiring.

Bray's Contribution to Environmental Activities

Bray has been recognised for his significant efforts in environmental activities. His passion is evident in his work supporting the Elevate Youth Group. This group welcomes individuals aged 14 to 24 to share their thoughts, experiences, and ideas on enhancing SEND/autism services, ensuring that the voices of young people are heard and considered in the development and improvement of these services. Beyond this, Bray is also actively involved in enhancing the engagement of children and young people across CVS, demonstrating his commitment to making a positive impact on the community.

A Heartfelt Congratulations

We are incredibly proud of Joe and Bray for their well-deserved recognition. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the positive difference they make in the lives of others. Our young volunteers embody the spirit of community service and inspire us all to strive for excellence in our endeavours.

The Elevate Group is open to young people aged 14-24 years and is a safe space for young people to try out new activities, find out information to help them navigate services that are able to help and support. The group is also very passionate about helping other young people through peer support and developing resources to help guide and support other young people preparing for adulthood.

Donna and her family have attended the hub and is now a very valuable parent volunteer and member of the team. She would like to share her experience of why this role is important to her.



A word from one of our Parent Volunteers – Donna

Over the past six months, my volunteer work at the Children's Autism Hub has been an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience. Working with children of various ages has provided invaluable insights into autism and effective strategies for building rapport with neurodiverse individuals. I have particularly enjoyed building close connections with the teenage children in the chess club, where I have established a strong sense of trust and comfort. The role has also influenced my academic work. During an occupational psychology assignment, I chose to address menopause as a workplace issue. Attending the menopause workshop run by CVS provided me with crucial insights, which I successfully applied to my assignment, achieving an A* grade, demonstrating how the skills and knowledge I have gained through volunteering can be effectively transferred to my academic studies. I am truly grateful to every member of the Autism Hub team for their patience, guidance, and welcoming environment. Moving forward I am excited to continue building these connections, expand my skills, and contribute even more meaningfully to the Hub's mission.

Thank you, Donna, for bringing your experience and skills to the role and we value your contribution to the hub.

If you wish to find out more information about the hub or volunteer opportunities. Please get in touch
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