



**#MakeSomeone
Welcome**

We are in!

**HIGHLIGHT REPORT
SPRING / SUMMER 2022**

THE HISTORY OF #MAKESOMEONEWELCOME

HOW WE STARTED

#MakeSomeoneWelcome started in 2015 after a brainstorming session within The Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living team.

We wanted community groups/organisations/businesses to make all disabled people feel welcome.

We discovered that the majority of groups already made people feel welcome and we wanted to work alongside them to promote the amazing work they do.

So we then came up with the hashtag #MakeSomeoneWelcome and in the last seven years it has gone from strength to strength.

WHAT IS #MAKESOMEONEWELCOME?

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Our offer to you

You will get a Welcome Pack that includes a **FREE** Toolkit giving you top tips on how to make your group or business inclusive, a certificate and a window sticker.

We will work with you to achieve your pledge to **#MakeSomeoneWelcome**, we will celebrate your journey to achieving your pledge and to signing up to the campaign on social media.

We can also provide half day interactive sessions on being inclusive.

Sign up today!

Contact the WCIL User Engagement Team on **0300 1233 442** or email userengagement@wiltshirecil.org.uk

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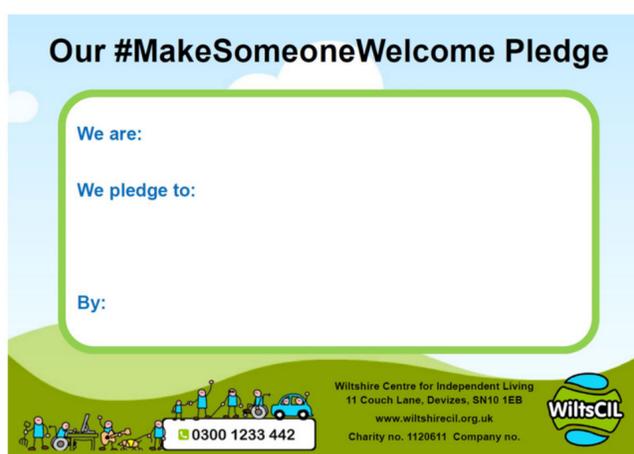
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HOW TO SIGN UP TO #MAKESOMEONEWELCOME

We are constantly looking for new sign ups and it couldn't be easier to do. If a group contacts us or we find a group that we think would be perfect for #MakeSomeoneWelcome, we arrange to visit them to chat about the process of signing up and find out what they do as a group and how we can work alongside them. Once they've agreed to sign up they receive a #MakeSomeoneWelcome pack, which includes a poster, toolkit, window sticker, certificate, pledge template and pledge and story board examples.

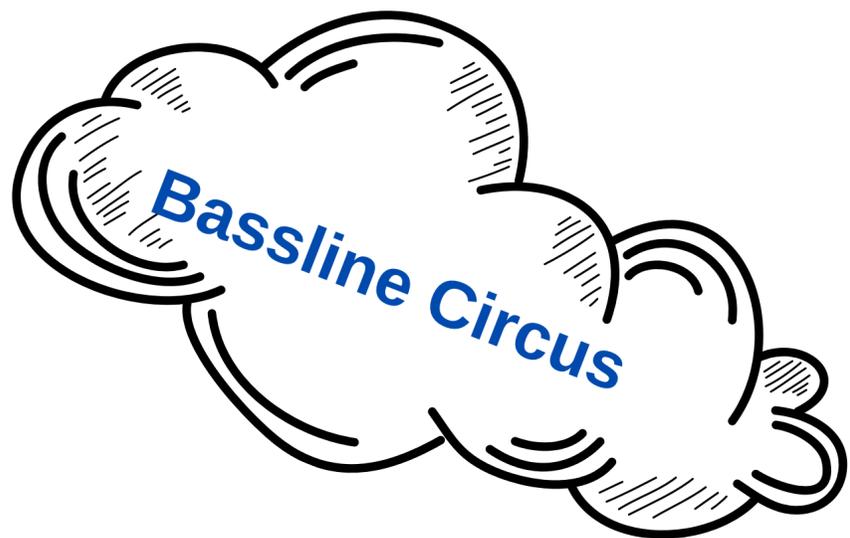
The toolkit has been put together by our team who have lived experience. It provides handy tips on how to be inclusive.

<https://www.wiltshirecil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Make-Someone-Welcome-Tool-Kit-v1.pdf>



WHO IS SIGNED UP TO #MAKESOMEONEWELCOME

We have 236 groups/organisations/businesses signed up to the campaign throughout Wiltshire.



And many more - go to our website to see the full list

<https://www.wiltshirecil.org.uk/>

#MAKESOMEONEWELCOME PLEDGES AND STORYBOARDS

Once a group has signed up we ask them to make a pledge, this is not a financial pledge but a pledge that will benefit their local community.

- It can be as big or small as they like
- It needs to be achievable
- The group will decide on a date to achieve their pledge by
- When their pledge has been done, we design a storyboard to promote what they have achieved

We have had some really good pledges as you can see from the example below



Dave & Ewe based in Calne pledged to hold an Open Afternoon and invited disabled people along to spend time at his farm with his animals. Being with different animals can be very theraputic and good for people's mental health. Everyone there enjoyed the afternoon and got a lot from it.

#MAKESOMEONEWELCOME TRAINING

#MakeSomeoneWelcome is a campaign which aims to get people from all walks of life connected in our community. Our #MakeSomeoneWelcome session is interactive; generating educational, interesting, and insightful debates and conversations to discuss perceptions of disabled people, barriers people face and the positive difference we can all make. As well as how disabled people should be seen as valued and integral members of their community. The session is written and delivered by people with lived experience of disability.



GOGA (GO OUT GET ACTIVE)

Go Out Get Active (GOGA) is a programme created to bring disabled and non-disabled people together to be active in their community. It looks to engage the least active communities in fun and inclusive ways.

Wiltshire CIL along with other delivery partners - Wiltshire and Swindon Sports (WASP), Wiltshire Council, Age UK Wiltshire and Community First - work together to deliver the Wiltshire GOGA programme in the south of the county.

The principles of #MakeSomeoneWelcome underpin the GOGA programme and all of those involved sign up to #MakeSomeoneWelcome and/or receive the training. So far several Fitness and Friendship groups, community hubs, pickleball and walking football have all been set up and have all signed up to the #MakeSomeoneWelcome campaign as part of the GOGA work.

#MAKESOMEONEWELCOME STORIES AND QUOTES

Quote from Chippenham Men's Shed after linking with Kandu Arts

I would like to thank you for putting me in touch with Kandu, the pod cast went well. They will visit us in a fortnight and continue with filming and recording at the shed and speak to our members. They will also film at the allotment. Thank you on behalf of Men's Shed for all your help and advice.

Quote from somebody that uses Chippenham Community Hub

The place has a lot of information on what is going on around the area, including courses run by the hub team which are very friendly and you get a cup of tea as well, the training is first class and is done at your pace, a great place to learn and get good information in the local community.

Quote from someone that uses Heart of the Community in Calne

It's always so warm and cosy when you walk in, which is really nice. The lunch is delicious and the people are always so smiley.

Liam's Story.

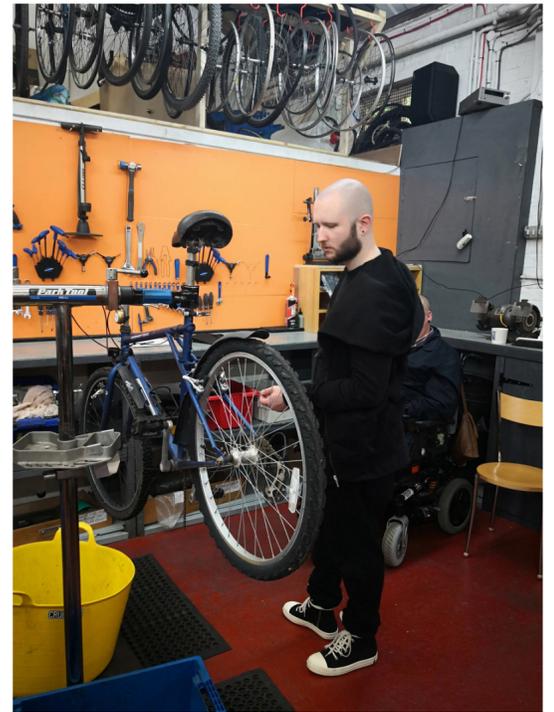
Liam loves piercings and likes to dress alternatively. When we first met he lived on his own in a flat and struggled to go out due to anxiety and a lack in confidence. Liam had a close friend that he visited once a week at his home. He also had a lot of support from his mum who always wanted him to have the confidence to go out and live a full life.

For 2 years Liam had been really keen to get involved with Build-A-Bike; he is autistic and couldn't find the right support or the confidence to organise it. In my role as Peer Support, I had a chat with Liam about what he wanted to do, how he wanted to achieve it and what support he wanted. Liam asked if I could make the initial contact with Build-A-Bike and arrange for him to meet them. He had a conversation with them and then decided to sign up to the six - week course.

Since attending Build-A-Bike Liam's confidence has grown from strength to strength, in fact so much so he now goes out more with friends and is part of the Pokemon Go community in his local area.

Through this he met his girlfriend, they have been together a few years and now have a little boy.

Liam is now achieving his Good Life through his relationships, his love of piercings (of which he has loads) and being a brilliant dad!



Victoria's Story

Victoria is 37 years old and lives in Andover, she has been going to Wilton RDA since she was 2 and a half years old. Although it's a long journey for her each week, the visits are more than worth it. She is also now an ambassador for the riding centre.

Victoria loves to ride and says it helps her to forget her health issues and worries. She said, "I love coming here and without riding I'd be lost" "I wouldn't know what to do with myself if i couldn't ride"

Victoria has Cerebral Palsy, mild learning difficulties and has had uncontrolled epilepsy since she was 11 years old. She had an epileptic seizure whilst riding a couple of weeks ago, but she said that the horse she was riding stopped straightaway as he knew something was wrong. She was given lots of support from both her carer and instructor and she feels safe and that she will be looked after should she need it.



Victoria says she always feels welcome at Wilton RDA "They love me and I love them!"

She has made friends through riding and keeps in touch with them through social media.

Victoria used to live in Germany as her dad was in the army and during her time there, she rode at a riding club. She now rides at a national level and her dream is to be at the Paralympics one day.

Victoria living her Good Life



Bassline Circus

our #MakeSomeoneWelcome pledge






Bassline Circus signed up to #MakeSomeoneWelcome



They pledged to offer inclusive creative art workshops



It's great to have you on board Bassline Circus-Keep up the good work!

They held inclusive workshops at St James Centre in Devizes. Here are some photographs of people enjoying the sessions and being creative.



Salisbury Men's Shed

our #MakeSomeoneWelcome pledge






Salisbury Men's Shed signed up to #MakeSomeoneWelcome



They made their pledge to build an Ark at St Mark's church in Salisbury



It's great to have you on board Salisbury Men's Shed - Keep up the good work!

Here is the Ark from start to finish, the children in the local area love it! Well done Salisbury Men's Shed



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GROUPS RECENTLY SIGNED UP TO MSW

Corsham Community Club that meeting space

Well-City Salisbury

New Beginnings

A quote from someone that attends the Chippenham Community Hub, who are part of #MakeSomeoneWelcome

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Groups signed up to MSW in May/June 2021

Kandou Arts

LPB Fitness

Chippenham Community Hub

Wiltshire Music Centre

Melksham Hub Cafe

11

Salisbury Pantry

Pilot 35

Sonia Sansom Makaton

Tedworth Equestrian

Bradford-On-Avon Men's Shed

7 Pledges have been made

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Five Rivers Indoor Bowls Club

our #MakeSomeoneWelcome pledge






Five Rivers Indoor Bowls Club signed up to #MakeSomeoneWelcome



They pledged to obtain the Bowls England Disability Mark



It's great to have you on board Five Rivers - Keep up the good work!

Five Rivers Indoor Bowls Club have recently achieved the Bowls England Disability Mark and have lots of equipment and facilities to support disabled people to take part in indoor bowls



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Rangebourne Petcare

our #MakeSomeoneWelcome pledge






Rangebourne Petcare signed up to #MakeSomeoneWelcome



They pledged to provide a doorbell for customers that can't access the shop



The doorbell is now in use

So people that can't access the store can still benefit from everything it has to offer

And pets are welcome too!

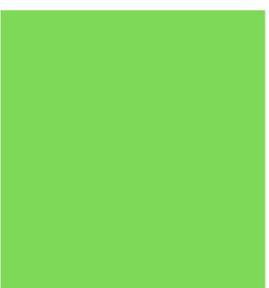
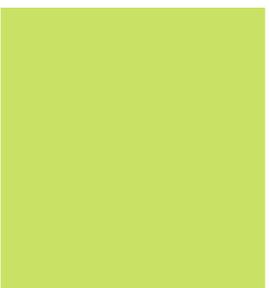
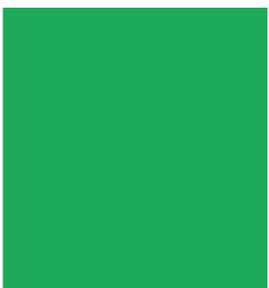


It's great to have you on board Rangebourne Petcare - Keep up the good work!





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