

GWENT CHARTER FOR WORKING TOGETHER



WHO HAS WRITTEN THE CHARTER?

People First members.

The Charter is what People First members believe.

We need the Charter because:

- Everyone needs fairness
- Everyone needs choices
- Everyone needs to say NO
- Everyone needs to be heard
- Everyone needs the right support when they need it.



WHAT IS THE CHARTER?

The Charter shows how we can work together.

The Charter says what you will do.

Only sign the Charter if you agree to do what the Charter says.



WHO SIGNS THE CHARTER?

You may sign the Charter if:

- you agree to everything and you are:
 - ✓ in charge of a service for people with learning disabilities
 - ✓ in charge of a public service
 - ✓ in charge of a charity, voluntary group or social enterprise
 - ✓ in charge of a community group
- Or anyone else including family members, support workers, social workers and health workers.



"IT'S MY LIFE....

LET ME LEAD IT HOW I WANT."

- Let me be the boss of my life
- Let me make my own decisions
- Respect my choices
- Don't put barriers in the way
- Let me live a good life, my way
- Let me live a good life worth living
- Recognise my talents so I can benefit others.



"LET'S WORK TOGETHER."

- We make decisions together
- We decide how we are supported
- We make information easy to understand together
- We change services together
- We listen to each other
- We motivate each other.



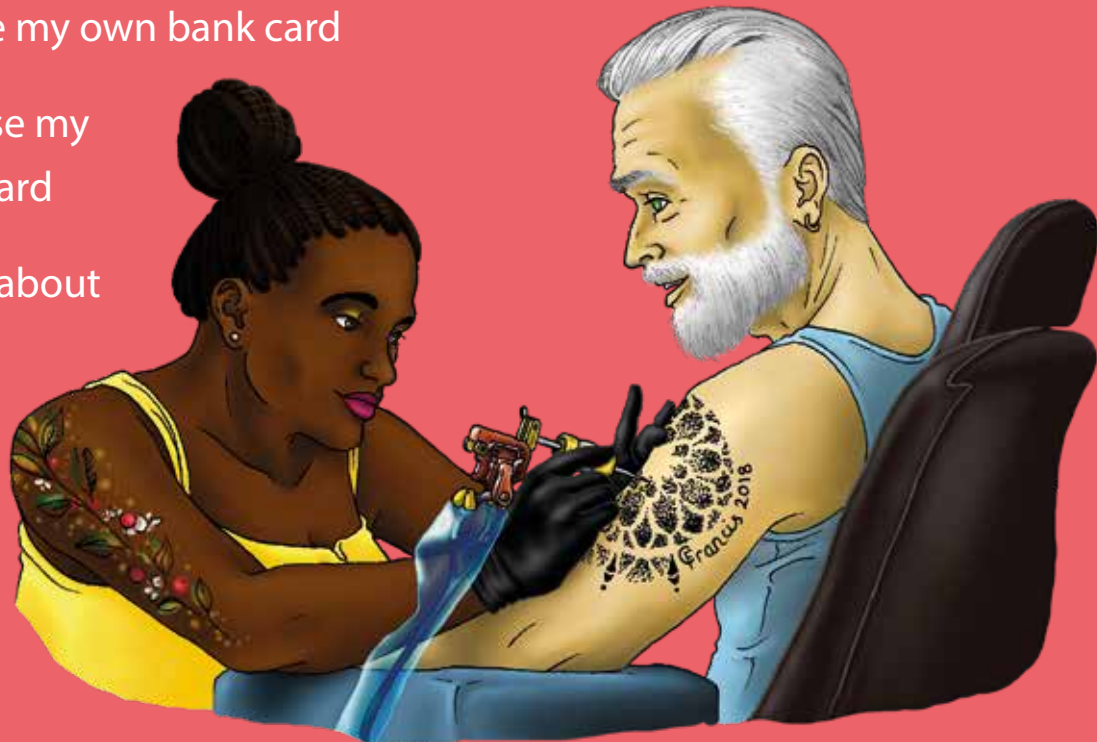
"I WANT THE RIGHT JOB, I WANT TO BE PAID."

- Employ people with disabilities
- Give me the chance to train and work
- Don't judge me, treat me fairly
- Help me start my own business if possible
- Give equal opportunities
- Give support in the workplace
- Give security in my job
- Understand my disability
- Help me reach my potential



"IT'S MY MONEY, I CAN USE IT HOW I WANT."

- Listen to me and understand my disability
- I want to learn to manage my money
- I want money in my pocket, a savings account and the opportunity to have my own bank card
- I want support to use my bank account and card
- I want good advice about money, savings and benefits.



"I WANT TO GO OUT WITH FRIENDS."

- I want to keep in touch with friends
- I want to make new friends
- I want a relationship
- I need flexible support
- Sometimes I want to be alone
- I want to socialise where I choose to go
- I want transport that helps me to go out and live my life.



"I WANT YOU TO RESPECT MY RIGHTS."

- to feel safe at home and outside
- to choose where I live and who I live with
- to have the same rights as all adults
- to communicate (with the right support)
- to good health
- to the right transport
- to love and have feelings
- to privacy
- to be part of my community
- to have support to speak up if I need it
- to vote
- to be part of a self-advocacy group or know it's there
- To choose how I am supported.



SIGN UP



Are you in charge of an organisation?

Only sign the Charter if you will:

- Work with other organisations
- Share ideas with other organisations
- Talk with other organisations and
- Employ us

To sign up to the Charter

Email: GwentCharter@torfaen.gov.uk

Telephone: 01495 742987

For organisations

We will let everyone know that you support the Charter.

Our Charter Checkers will check to see if you keep to the Charter.

If you are signing for yourself

We will let everyone know that you support the Charter if you want us to.

Please make sure that you keep the Charter.



FOR A COPY OF THE FULL GWENT CHARTER FOR WORKING TOGETHER CONTACT:

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