

# Voices 4 Choices

Minutes from the 23/11/2023 meeting



**People at the meeting** Alistair, Sue, Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston, Winsford and Northwich Day Services, Ellesmere Port and Northwich Supported Living

**Apologies from** Michael and Winsford Network



## Updates

### Sponsored Walk

We raised £546 for the Ukraine. Lana said the money will buy frontline stretchers and medical supplies.

We would like to send some presents to the children in Ukraine orphanages for Christmas. Sue will find out if there is still time.

### Christmas Decoration Competition

The competition will be judged on Thursday 14/12/2023.

12.00 at Lightfoot Lodge Chester

2.00 at St Johns Winsford

There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes to the winners of the Northwich and Winsford area, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes for Chester and Ellesmere Port area.

There will be refreshments available.

## talk in the meeting



## The Advisory Board 11/12/2023

Champion Representative is Neil he will

- Talk about working in the café.
- What he likes about it.
- What would make it better for him.



## Review of 2023

- **Music Festival**

Fantastic and Magical, The Lion King was a favourite.

- **Picnic at Manley Mere**

Beth saw Coleen Rooney.

- **Conference**

A success, Discussing topics that are important to our group.

- **Service Feedback Surveys**

Helping our friends to fill out the forms.

- **Café at Ellesmere Port Library**

Supplying great food locally and to larger events.

- **Café at the Salt Museum**

Already getting a very good reputation for their cakes.

- **Shop at Hazlemere**

Supplying the residents at Hazlemere, staffed by day services, letting people who want to experience working in a shop, learn new skills.



## Some of the things we would like to do in 2024.

- **Special Olympics.**

We will focus on this at start of the year, to organise for the summer.

- **Conference**

Topics: Respite, Transport, Stay out late, Healthy friendships and relationships.

- **Music Festival**

Look at transport, Venue, stay out late.

- **PCSO to visit Paddy's group.**

Alistair to ask PCSO to visit.



- **Raise money for a special cause.**  
Decide on who to support, and how to raise money.
- **Super veg and sunflower growing competition**
- **Christmas presents for children.**  
organise children's Christmas gifts early.
- **Day Trips.**  
Ideas for next year.

### **Some of our Personal Aspirations for 2024**

- Nicola would like to learn to read.
- Joyce would like to join a knitting group.



**Next Meeting Thursday 25 January 2024**

**10.30 to 12.30 St Johns Main Hall**