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About Wirral Mencap

Wirral Mencap provides services and opportunities that improve the quality of life of people with a learning disability and their families and which create a more accessible, inclusive and supportive community.

About the Gateway Award

What is the Gateway Award?

The Gateway Award is a multi-activity awards programme for people with a learning disability. It has Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

The Gateway Award empowers people to experience new things, gain confidence, increase independence, meet new people, have fun and get fit.

How does it work?

Participants do activities in groups of 8 to 10 for one day each week. This includes art, sport and cooking, as well as lots of new activities which the groups get to choose! They also do volunteering and group or individual challenges. Each level of the award takes about a year.

When do sessions run?

Sessions run from 10am - 2:30pm. The Bronze level starts in September. Once started, sessions run all through the year, only closing for 2 weeks at Christmas and 2 weeks in July at the end of each level.

We also run sessions during the summer holidays for those that would like a 'taster' before starting in September, please ask for details.



How old do you have to be to take part?

Anyone over the age of 18 years.

Where?

We meet at the Wirral Mencap Office. We then access activities in the community using our minibus or public transport where possible.

Support

We have 1 member of staff for every 4 participants. If a participant needs 1:1 support, just give us a call to see how this works.

What sort of activities do you do as part of the Gateway Award?

The Gateway Award has 5 modules that you have to complete:

1. Fitness
2. Lifestyle
3. Hobbies
4. Volunteering
5. Challenge



Participants do a range of activities for each module.

Participants get an official Gateway Award folder where they can record all of their achievements.

How much does it cost?

There is a one-off payment of £26 at the start of every year to cover the cost of your Gateway folder, your certificates and badges as well as your Wirral Mencap Membership.

It then costs £45 per week. This covers staffing, travel and activity costs. It is similar to paying a personal assistant or funding a day centre rate. Talk to your social worker about using your direct payment or personal budget to pay for your place.