

# Here's What You Told Us...

## Gerraint Jones-Griffiths

### **Lead Ambassador, Engage to Change, All Wales People First**

Hello, my name is Gerraint Jones-Griffiths, I am 24 years old, I am Autistic, and I am the Lead Ambassador for the Engage to Change project.

In April 2019, I co-chaired the first National Autism Wales Conference in the Liberty Stadium in Swansea for the National Autism Team. Following this, I completed a work placement with the Team in October 2019, where I received a great amount of support. The duties I carried out included working closely with Ieuan and Holly on the Team's social media and parts of administration, I also worked closely with Frances and gained a better understanding of how the Integrated Autism Services work in Wales. I had the opportunity to present at an Integrated Autism Service induction training day, the feedback from my presentation was that hearing my story was an invaluable aspect to the training, I then went on to complete a film with Holly and Ieuan which was released in February 2020 called "Getting to Know Gerraint". The film aims to inform and inspire young people who have recently received a diagnosis of autism, but also to educate and raise understanding amongst the general public of autism.

The work I have completed with the Team has strengthened the engagement and working relationship between the Team and All Wales People First, and the Engage to Change project.

I often use the ASDinfoWales website and find it informative and easy to navigate. The only issue I have with the current website is that you cannot view it on a mobile phone device, tablet or iPad, but I have no doubt that the new website will rectify this issue and it will be even more accessible and easier to use. Diolch.