

CAN YOU SEE ME?

Thank you for agreeing to take part in our "Can you see me?" scheme which we hope will improve autistic people's access to a range of businesses and activities.

This project has been funded by the Welsh Government as part of the implementation of the ASD Strategic Action Plan for Wales. It is being implemented by the National Autism Team hosted within the Welsh Local Government Association and Public Health Wales.

- Autism affects 1 in 100 people, and how they are affected varies from one person to another.
- One of the most commonly reported issues that affects autistic people is accessing everyday activities and services within their local communities.
- By increasing awareness, and making small changes, you will be helping to reduce the barriers that autistic people face.

Autism is a 'hidden disability' and whilst some people may not want you to know that they are autistic; many do. By some people letting you know that they are autistic, you can hopefully make some small changes that will make things easier for everyone. As many people find it difficult to tell you they are autistic, we have developed a scheme to help you **recognise autistic people**.

Our "Can you see me?" scheme provides autistic people with a wristband, card or screensaver for their mobile device so they are able to let you know discretely that they are autistic. These resources do not say the person is autistic, instead they display the following distinct logo:



When you see this logo, please remember that you need to adapt your interactions. There are tips on how to do this.

Please read the poster and make it available to other staff members. We have also provided a window sticker that shows autistic people that you are autism aware and understanding. If you could place it in your window we would be very grateful.

We do not ask that you provide free access or any other benefits in relation to this scheme.

We have a webpage dedicated to this National scheme and we will list all participating organisations.

For more information about the scheme, or to access our free autism aware and understanding certification schemes, please visit:

AutismWales.org/en/i-am-autistic/resources-for-you/can-you-see-me