**Neurodiversity Mental Wellbeing Walsall Grant Fund - Expression of Interest**

**Do you have ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia or consider yourself as Neurodiverse?**

**Do you want to help improve the wellbeing of people in your community?**

Public Health wishes to work with individuals to meet the needs of our population by increasing their knowledge of mental wellbeing and developing their ability to prevent and respond early to mental health issues.

Everyone should have a fair opportunity to realise their potential, contribute to society, and enjoy a fulfilling life. Having good mental health and wellbeing enables this to be possible.

People who have a neurodiversity are at an increased risk of:

* Experiencing long term unemployment, poor quality employment, and limited opportunities
* Social isolation
* Social economic deprivation
* Poor mental health and suicide

# Funding Opportunity

Walsall Council is seeking to fund projects/activities to improve the mental wellbeing of Walsall's population. The Council would like to receive proposals from individuals diagnosed as neurodivergent or who consider themselves as having a neurodiversity condition.

Projects must seek to reduce mental wellbeing inequalities experienced by people who consider themselves to have a neurodiversity (i.e. Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, etc.) across different communities.

# Step 1: Expression of Interest

**This is to be completed by the individual leading the project.**

The purpose of the expression of interest is to briefly describe the project and what your project aims to achieve.

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Job role**  |  |
| **Address**  |  |
| **Post code**  |  |
| **Supporting organisation information *(if any)***  |  |
| **Lead name** |  |
| **Lead contact detail** |  |
| **What condition do you?**  |  |

**Set out the aims of the proposed project** (25 words maximum)

*Example: Setting up a ‘safe space’ for Neurodiverse individuals in to do an activity once a month to bring like-minded people together*

**How will your project improve wellbeing of Walsall residents?** (150 words maximum)

**List the main stages of work to be carried out** (150 words maximum)

The completed expression of interest form must be returned electronically to MWWalsall@walsall.gov.uk by no later than **5 pm, 15th March 2024.**

# Next step

The grant application will be published at the end of February 2024, and if you wish to apply, please email MWWalsall@walsall.gov.uk along with your expression of interest form. The application deadline is no later than 5 pm, 9th April 2024. Decisions will be announced by 5 pm, Tuesday, 30th April 2024.

**Wellbeing Grant Workshop**

On the week commencing 18th March 2024, Walsall Public Health will be holding two Neurodiversity Celebration event, which will take place in Walsall. This will enable you to ask questions about the neurodiversity grant and receive information about wellbeing.

The events will be taking place on:

1. 19th of March from 1.30pm till 4.30pm at Nash Dom Community Hub, Sun St, Walsall WS1 4AL
2. 22nd of March from 10am till 1pm at Willenhall CHART Community Hub, 19 Gomer St, Willenhall WV13 2NS

It is a drop in sessions so you do not have to book, but if you wish to please email MWWalsall@walsall.gov.uk