Cysylltu Bywydau Gorllewin Morgannwg
West Glamorgan Shared Lives

Become a Shared Lives Carer.

Our lives get better when they're shared.

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Neath Port Talbot Council

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Swansea Council

Do you live in Neath Port Talbot or Swansea?

Have you got a spare room in your house and spare room in your heart?

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What is Shared Lives?

Shared Lives carers open their own home to someone needing support in the local community.

People or individuals either move in with the carer long-term, enjoy a short break for respite or just have a few hours of support in the day or evening. Carers help with all aspects of life from cooking, to being part of the local community to realising their aspirations and dreams.

Shared Lives care is based on shared interests, lifestyle and sense of humour. It feels like an ordinary life for someone who needs support – and allows you to be self-employed and support someone flexibly from home amongst hobbies and interests.

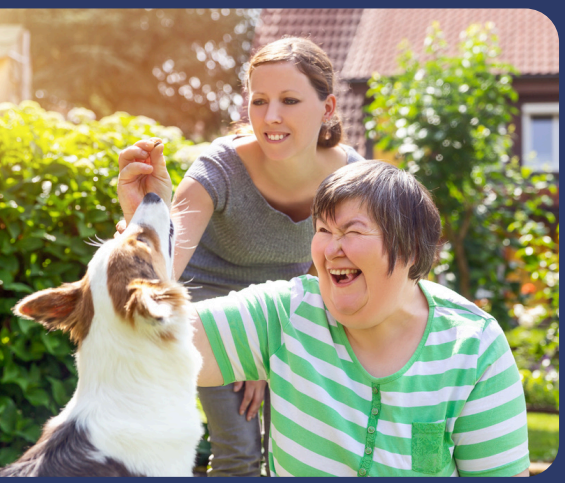
- Flexible options: provide long term, day support or short breaks
- Support someone from home, no need to lose time or money commuting
- Make a positive difference for you and the person you support
- Receive earnings of upwards of £500 per week with tax generous breaks

Who could I share my home with?

You'll get to choose who you support, and they'll choose you, together with our advice and guidance.

People who visit or live with a Shared Lives carer include:

- Young adults transitioning from foster care
- Individuals recovering after a hospital stay
- Those experiencing mental ill health
- People with physical or learning impairments
- Neurodiverse individuals
- Older adults
- People living with dementia
- Parents needing support to live with their baby/child



Self-employed perks

If you live in Neath Port Talbot or Swansea and are looking for a new way of working, look no further!

You could start by offering to support someone for a few hours and build up as you wish. It doesn't need to be long term, but it can be.

Over 10,000 Shared Lives carers share their home with someone who needs it around the UK. Supporting someone from home, you will receive earnings of upwards of £500 per week with tax relief, training, regular breaks and support.

Who can be a Shared Lives carer?

West Glamorgan Shared Lives carers come from all walks of life. We welcome any age or background, single people, couples and families from throughout Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

You don't need to have any formal qualifications; we will provide all the training that you need.

We're looking for people who are committed, understanding, compassionate and have a genuine and heartfelt desire to enrich another person's life. To our carers, this is so much more than a job, it's a passion to do something amazing and to make a real difference.

Will I get support?

We will offer you full training and support.

All Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Shared Lives Carers are supported by a dedicated team at West Glamorgan Shared Lives support service which is regulated by the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW). You will have a dedicated Coordinator to offer you all the help and guidance you may need.

You will have regular supervision with your Coordinator to tell us how things are going and to access any support you may need. If someone lives with you long-term, you'll also get respite.

How do I apply?

Get in touch today to speak to our team who will answer any questions you have.

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