NEW FOR 2018 – 4 REGIONS!
ENGLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND & WALES

14th June, 2018
Belfast, Northern Ireland

21st June, 2018
Glasgow, Scotland

28th June, 2018
Cardiff, Wales

29th June, 2018
Birmingham, England

The National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards 2018

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION FOR THE SECTOR

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The National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards hosted by Care Talk magazine aim to celebrate excellence in the support for people with learning disabilities and autism and pay tribute to those individuals or organisation who excel in providing quality care.

This year sees the National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards expand into 4 regions.

Northern Ireland 14 June, Belfast
Scotland 21 June, Glasgow
Wales, 28 June, Cardiff
England 29th June, Birmingham

Category winners from each of the 4 regions will go through to a National Final in the Autumn of 2018

Last year was the fourth year for the National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards and the enthusiasm from the industry was overwhelming. The quality of the finalists throughout the sector was extremely high and the judges had the unenviable task of choosing an overall winner for each category – a true national champion.

The National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards offer a unique opportunity to celebrate the successes of individuals, teams and businesses throughout the UK - people who really do make a positive impact on people’s lives.

Organised by Care Talk the awards have already received support from across the sector.

There are a total of 16 award categories available for nomination, which represent all areas of care for people with learning disabilities and autism within the care sector, whether it be young or older people, supporting people in their own homes, the residential care sector or the voluntary sectors. From frontline staff such as care workers and care managers to people who have made an impact in other ways such as training and innovation.

ABOUT THE AWARDS
The National Learning Disabilities & Autism Awards celebrate excellence in the support for people with learning disabilities and aim to pay tribute to those individuals or organisations who excel in providing quality care.

BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS
By nominating a colleague you will be supporting their dedication and commitment whilst also helping to raise the profile of the care sector as a whole.

BENEFITS TO ORGANISATIONS
By nominating your employees you will be demonstrating pride in their hard work and excellence. The awards also present an excellent publicity opportunity. Should a nominee be successful, you and your guests will have the chance to purchase a table at the superb gala dinner - what better way to raise the profile of your organisation through networking and motivate your staff!

THE JUDGING DAY
All shortlisted nominees will be invited to attend an interview with an independent panel of judges. The judging will take place on in Birmingham, Belfast, Glasgow and Cardiff, usually around 6 weeks prior to the Awards. Nominees must be available to attend the judging day.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
The awards represent all areas of care and support for people with learning disabilities and autism within the care sector, whether it be young or older people, supporting people in their own homes, the residential care sector or the voluntary sectors. From frontline staff such as care workers and care managers to people who have made an impact in other ways such as training and innovation.

THE GALA EVENT
All the finalists will be invited to purchase a table a spectacular gala dinner in one of 4 regions, (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, where the winners will be announced. The gala dinner will include a drinks reception, dinner with a celebrity presenter, entertainment and finally dancing.

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TO BOOK A TABLE
For more information on booking, email: info@care-awards.co.uk

So don’t miss out on your chance to pay tribute to those people who really do make a difference to the lives of others. Without these people quality care and support for people with learning disabilities and autism would fail.
AWARD CATEGORIES

Employer of People with a Disability Award
This award will be presented to an organisation who employs and supports a person with a learning disability or autism. We are looking for a business or charity that demonstrates true values of respect, equality and accessibility for their employees who have a learning disability and/or autism. The employer does not have to be a social care provider.

The Newcomer Award
This award seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of a new member of staff who has started work in the care sector since January 2016. The individual can be someone who is new to the sector or returning after at least two years away.

The Support Worker Award
This award recognises the crucial role of the support worker in providing high quality support for people with a learning disability and/or autism. Evidence of commitment to person centred approaches, supporting people with dignity and respect alongside dedication, team working and good humour will be important features for the judges. This category is open to personal assistants, carers and support workers.

The Manager Award
Managers set the tone and the culture of a service. The award will celebrate a manager who has demonstrated a high level of expertise, exceptional skills in leadership and management, great support for colleagues and a positive commitment to person centred support. A manager who shows vision in developing high quality services and supporting staff to meet the ever changing needs of the people they support.

The Learning Disability Nurse Award
This award acknowledges the important role that specialist nurses have in promoting the emotional, physical and psychological health of the people who they support. At a time when there is growing evidence that people who have a learning disability experience discrimination, bullying, hate crime and poor access to services in general terms as well as healthcare the role of specialist professionals has never been more important.

The Breaking Down Barriers Award
We like it when we can see good access and easy read, as it helps to include all and encourages everyone to communicate more clearly and get around more easily. The award will celebrate an individual or organisation who have worked to make sure people get clear information and are able to contribute their views and experiences.

The Sporting Chance Award
Sport is an area where people with disabilities can be seen as achievers and winners, and participation in sport or physical activities can improve people’s health and wellbeing. We are looking for a person or team who have worked creatively to develop sporting activities in which people with learning disabilities and/or autism can choose to participate and enjoy.

The Supporting Older People with Learning Disabilities Award
Let’s celebrate excellence in supporting older people with a learning disability or autism. The judges are looking for evidence from providers and individuals who are positive about older people, provide excellent person centred support, promoting independence, dignity and respect.

The Great Autism Practice Award
The overriding goal of good autism practice is to enhance quality of life for individuals, families and supporters by making reasonable adjustments or providing support developing strategies to increase happiness and wellbeing in people with autism. This award will be presented to a team or individual who demonstrate evidence of good practice in their services and support to people with autism.

The People’s Award
This award will be presented to an individual or team of people with autism or a learning disability. We want to celebrate individuals or organisations who offer exceptional encouragement and support for individuals with learning disabilities and or autism in providing support services and or personal development and inclusion.

The Award for Outstanding Contribution
This award will be presented to an individual who the judges think has made a long-term outstanding contribution to the lives of people with a learning disability and/or autism. Nominations are welcomed from across the health and social care sector.

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ENTRY FORM

HOW TO ENTER
1. Tick the region (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales)
2. Choose the category or categories for which you want to nominate your colleague or yourself. If you are entering more than one category, separate entry forms must be completed.
3. Read the attached judging criteria carefully.
4. Write an account of no more than 300 words saying why your colleague (or you) should be considered. An additional account from a colleague, or service user/family carer is helpful but not essential.
5. Please make sure that the name of the nominee/entrant and the award category is included on all separate pieces of supporting information.
6. Complete this entry form and attach it to all other separate pieces of supporting information.
7. Closing date for entries 27th April 2018.

Email your entries to info@care-awards.co.uk or complete the online nomination form at www.nationalldawards.co.uk

AWARD CATEGORIES (please tick one)
- The Employer Award
- The Employer of People with a Disability Award
- The Newcomer Award
- The Support Worker Award
- The Manager Award
- The Learning Disability Nurse Award
- The Making a Difference Award
- The Trainer Award
- The Supported Housing Award
- The Sporting Chance Award
- The Breaking Down Barriers Award
- The Supporting Oldr People with Learning Disabilities Award
- The Great Autism Award
- The People’s Award
- The Award for Outstanding Contribution

RULES FOR ENTRY
- The awards are open to all staff working in or supporting the social care sector.
- All entries are treated confidentially.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of reputable independent and impartial adjudicators.
- Entries will not be returned.
- One copy of the submission is required.
- Use one entry form per entry. Photocopies are acceptable.
- Judging will take place approximately 6 weeks prior to the Gala Event. Please make sure the nominees are able to attend.
- The category winners will be announced at The National Learning Disability & Autism Awards Gala Events.

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