



## New video on Rehabilitation

This is an informative video about the Rehabilitation service. We spoke to two service users and a rehab officer for the Cardiff area, Jason Grubb.

Ian Moran, Chairman for Welsh Rehabilitation Officers Forum (WROF), said:

“Rehabilitation is different for each individual person. The main part of our job is to listen to what is

important to the person and help identify outcomes. These outcomes can vary from person to person. For example, applying makeup for a night out, travelling to a friend's house or accessing social media independently. We aim to achieve this by offering advice/information, recommending equipment and providing training that is tailored to the individual.

“I believe that everyone who has a vision impairment, no matter where they live in Wales, should have access to a qualified vision rehabilitation officer, who will assess, plan and deliver training to increase independence, safety and wellbeing.

“I would like to thank everybody involved in the production of this video because it helps to promote our role to people out there who may not know that this service is available to them.”

The video can be viewed at the Storm website (below).

## **West Wales Storm Event**

Our latest event was at the Torch Theatre in Milford Haven. On a very sunny afternoon in May we travelled down from Cardiff to meet a group of young adults and Rehab Officers to discuss how the project

could support them. Once everyone was full of tea, coffee and biscuits we began the discussion.

We discovered that direct payments and benefits were two of the key major topics wanting and needing to be covered in this area, along with housing, healthcare and employment opportunities. We were greeted by Tracy Martin-Smith, a rehab officer for Pembrokeshire, and Sue Griffiths, a habilitation officer from Carmarthenshire. They were really keen to get involved and see what we could all do together to involve more young people.

Our plan now is to hold another two small events similar to this in Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. Following these events later in the year we hope to organize a regional event involving the three counties.

## **UCAN to perform at Welsh Government Conference**

Members of UCAN shall perform at this year's Annual Wales Eyecare Conference in Cardiff. We shall develop and perform a piece on the theme of accessibility. To book a place, go to [www.wcb-ccd.org.uk/conference/booking.php](http://www.wcb-ccd.org.uk/conference/booking.php)

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