




This is Ategi's bi-monthly newsletter, bringing you stories from across our services and updating you on all things Ategi.

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Luke enjoying a trip to St Fagans with his day service, the Arts Factory in Ferndale. Luke is supported through Shared Lives

# A message from Kate Allen, Ategi's Chief Executive Officer

Shwmae Pawb/Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the summer and the variety of weather we've been having.

Since our last newsletter, I have now passed my first 100 days in post. I've spoken with many people over that time and I've been paying close attention to what you have been telling me. My priority for the next quarter as we move steadily towards autumn and the end of the year is to work with the Ategi team to discuss and implement some of the ideas that have been shared.

The Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) Shared Lives inspection report was published at the beginning of Summer and is available on our website. Thank you to everyone who contributed. CIW found the support provided to be fully compliant and stated:

**“The staff team are dedicated, and their support makes a positive difference to people’s lives”**

Our accounts are audited in the summer by an external company and I'm pleased to share they were happy with our processes and procedures. The accounts will be attached to a new style annual report that we will be sending to the Charity Commission in early autumn and publicising on our website once it has been ratified by Ategi's Board of Trustees. We will make sure to share the location and link with you when it's available.

On that note I am delighted that we have appointed a further two new trustees to the Ategi Board – that brings our total of 4 new trustees this year and with it a wealth of expertise from risk management to qualified accountant; people development to welsh social care policy influencer, and more. In our next newsletter we will spotlight on what a Board does and provide an overview of 'who's who'.

We have also attracted some wonderful new employees to our Shared Lives teams across Wales, South Gloucester and Buckinghamshire over the summer. The fresh perspective that new staff bring, coupled with commitment and expertise of our existing employees leaves me in no doubt that we will keep doing our very best for the people we support and deliver excellent services to those who need us.

My sincere thanks to you for being part of the Ategi team and making it happen.

**Kate Allen**

# Ategi updates

## How satisfied are you with Ategi?



Richard Cox, our Head of Quality and Compliance, recently sent out a Satisfaction Survey to all our Shared Lives carers, the people we support, Local Authority partners as well as friends and family to see how happy you are with the service we provide.

The aim of these surveys is to ensure that all services we provide are of high quality and continually improve. One of the best ways to do this is to gather feedback from you.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Your satisfaction is our priority and your feedback was invaluable in helping us develop and grow our services.

Richard will be in touch soon to share the results but, here's a sneak peak...



# 100%

of the people we support are happy with the support they receive

## Wil is running for Ategi!



We're excited to announce that Ategi Support Worker, Wilhelmus, has taken on an Ategi fundraising challenge. Wil has decided to take on the incredible challenge of running the Cardiff half marathon on October 2nd to raise money for Ategi.

We asked Wil why he's decided to take on this challenge:

"It was a spur of the moment decision of to run the Cardiff Half for Ategi, inspired by Sheleagh, our Fundraising Manger, when she gave a talk at our team meeting. I thought why not?"

Ategi provides a very valuable service to hundreds of people who need care and support. I have been a Support Worker with Ategi for 8 years and it has really grown on me. The people I have supported have become part of my family. I enjoy the freedom we have to try new things that they have not experienced before, to bring a little adventure into their lives. One of my clients had never been on a bus journey before, so we went together and he loved it.

I didn't plan to work in social care. It happened after I left my previous job in the world of finance. My daughter said "this job looks interesting Dad, why don't you apply?". So I did, and here I am.

Being a support worker is the opposite of working in finance, where everything is about money. Ategi is about caring for people. I am very pleased to have set myself a challenge to run the Cardiff Half, it is a win-win to raise funds for Ategi at the same time."

**We'll be posting updates on Wil's progress on our social media and on the Ategi website. If you want to follow his progress, or donate some money to Wil's campaign, then follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3Cn4gmV>**

## Ategi's annual report is nearly ready



We've been working hard on preparing our annual report for 2021/22, we'll be sharing the completed report with you soon!



# Ategi updates

## Donate to Ategi whilst you shop!



Ategi has now signed up to Amazon Smile.

For those who haven't heard of Amazon Smile before, If you sign up (its completely free), you support Ategi to change lives. Check out [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk). For every purchase you make through the Amazon Smile portal, they will donate 0.5% of the cost of your purchase to Ategi at no extra cost to you.

Make sure you sign up!

## Cost of Living crisis



The Government has introduced a payment to people in order to help with the increased cost of living like electricity, gas and fuel costs. This is a grant of £650 which will be paid in two lump sums, one in July

and another in the autumn, to those receiving low-income benefits or tax credits. This is not tailored to Shared Lives as the significant increases, such as fuel bills, are paid not by the person receiving the benefits but by the Shared Lives carer.

**What Ategi are doing?**  
Ategi have looked at the guidance from Shared Lives Plus and propose that those people we support who receive the cost of living payments from the Government pass on 90% of these payments to their long-term Shared Lives carers. The payments will be made to Ategi who will then pass this on in full to the Shared Lives carers in order to keep an audit trail of financial transactions made.

**Next steps**  
Ategi will work with you, your advocate, financial appointee and care manager as appropriate. Ategi will be in touch with you soon to discuss this in more detail so that you can make a decision on this.

If you have any particular concerns please contact your Ategi Coordinator or Locality Manager.

## Get your Autumn Covid-19 booster



The government has confirmed that adults and

children over the age of 5 who have a learning disability and are on the learning disability register will be able to get an Autumn COVID-19 booster jab.

This also applies to people with multiple and severe learning disabilities as well. Invitations to get the booster jab will be going out from September.

## Welcoming Gaynor to Supported Living



Gaynor is now supported by Supported Living and has already come along way and is a lot happier with herself! She is laughing and singing, going to activities and enjoying herself. Exploring places she hasn't been for a while like Barry Island and attending appointments. Gaynor is allowing staff to help her improve her living situation, knowing staff will not take over, but just be by her side to do it at her pace. Welcome to Ategi Gaynor!

# Are you Ready to Ramble?

- ☀️ Explore a beautiful location close to your home
- ☀️ Enjoy the company of Ategi people as well as friends & family
- ☀️ Help to raise funds for Ategi
- ☀️ Enjoy a treasure hunt
- ☀️ All walks wheelchair accessible



Did you know that £5 billion (52%) of charity income in the UK comes from the general public?

Ategi wants raise public awareness that we're a charity and involve the wider community in our fundraising.

If you would like to find out about how you can get involved in fundraising to support Ategi, contact Sheila, our Fundraising Manager: [SheleaghL@ategi.co.uk](mailto:SheleaghL@ategi.co.uk) or phone 01443 484400.

## Join Ategi's Rambles

Ategi would like to invite our friends, supporters, carers and the amazing people that we support to take part in one of our rambles happening September/October. Check out our events and make sure you sign up to attend a ramble near you!

Day/Date	Time	Location
Weds 21st September	10am-2pm	Swansea Marina
Sat 24th September	10.30am onwards	Wendover Woods, Bucks
Tues 27th September	10am-2pm	Cardiff Pedal Power
Weds 28th September	11am-2pm	Willsbridge Mill, South Glos
Thurs 29th September	10am-2pm	Ynysangharad Park, Pontypridd
Sun 2nd October	11am-2pm	Richmond Park, London

We would love you to join us in sharing some outdoors exercise and fun activities at a beautiful location that is close to your home. All the rambles will take place on routes that are wheelchair accessible and there are different options so that everyone can take part. Ategi is supplying each ramble with some food and refreshments and there will be a chance to network and meet members of our team.

**If you would like to take part contact [SarahG@ategi.co.uk](mailto:SarahG@ategi.co.uk) or phone 01443 484400**



# Shared moments...

Here are some moments that you all shared with us.



Kelvin enjoyed his 21st birthday! His mum organised a party and his Shared Lives carer, Kwame and his family were to celebrate with Kelvin.



It's summertime and everyone is off on their holidays! Luke and his Shared Lives carers were kind enough to send us some pictures of them enjoying their cruise to the Norwegian Fjords! Luke loves cruising and this is his first since the pandemic.



Wendy is supported through Shared Lives and was recently a bridesmaid for her Shared Lives carer's family member. Wendy has been supported by her Shared Lives carer since she was 18 and has really become one of the family.

Looks like it was a beautiful day.



Garad and Chris enjoyed a social evening together with Your Voice Advocacy. Garad and Chris are supported through our Ategi Shared Lives service. It's lovely to see Ategi people meeting and having a good time together.



Kelsey enjoyed a trip to legoland with her Shared Lives carer in August. What an amazing lego unicorn!



Charles' Shared Lives carer, Allan, shared some pictures of Charles cooking up a curry for himself. Looks delicious!



Michelle and her Shared Lives carer, Juliet, shared some lovely pictures of their holiday in Wales.

**If you'd like to share any moments with us or tell us about what you've been up to send your photos to [kittyt@ategi.co.uk](mailto:kittyt@ategi.co.uk)**





## **We want to hear from you!**

Would you like to share your news or story in the newsletter, or on our social media?

Show off your skills and creations in our "Now that's what I call talent" section.

Do you have any ideas of other things you'd like us to include? Please do get in touch with your ideas. This newsletter is for you, and we'd love to hear what you'd like to see.

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