

SELF ADVOCATE CINEMA PROGRAMME

Stay well in very hot and Cold Weather

A series of short films by Anna, Amber, Denise, Maria, Maya and Wasim and Inclusion North

A group of people with lived experience joined a working group to look at how we can stay well in extreme weather. They made 6 short films that share tips on keeping safe and well.

Captain Co-production and the Interview Done Right

A film by the Unity Group

This short film was co-produced from beginning to end, from the conceptual stages right up to final touches. Born from Unity's "Is this co-production?" project, the film demonstrates what co-production is through a scenario where the titular Captain scrutinises the recruitment process in a supported living home - then shows them how it should be done, co-production style!

The concept, story, script, artwork, and voices were all provided by members of Unity, a co-production group within Achieve together where people supported work in partnership with various departments within the organisation and participate in different projects.



Contains Loud Sounds

Captain Co-production 2

A film by the Unity Group and Campaign 4 Change

This is a fully co-produced short film by Unity and Campaign 4 change. A follow-up to the first Captain Co-production film, this sequel focuses on why we do co-production. Packed with humour and heart, the film sees the Captain take a corner-cutting deputy manager on a journey to the past to show him what life was like for people before co-production. Will the deputy manager learn from the experience?

The concept, story, script, artwork, and voice work were all co-produced by members of Unity, a co-production group within Achieve together, and Campaign 4 change, a self-advocacy group.



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Some illustrated depictions of care services in the past where people have little choice.

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#MindYourLanguageBingo

A film by Campaign 4 Change Group

Are you "meaningfully engaged in your community" or do you go out to hang out with your friends? Are you "challenging" or do you get upset sometimes? Are you a "service user" if you rent a flat and get help you with tasks you can't do yourself? Language matters. In social care sector we sometimes use language which is 'othering' when speaking to and about people who draw on support. This film humorously highlights the outmoded language that is often still used today.

Co-produced by self and peer advocacy group Campaign 4 Change as part of the #MindYourLanguage campaign.



**Contains scenes
and stories of
discrimination**

Wheel of Engagement Podcast - Good Lives Manifesto with Gary Bourlet

A film by the Campaign 4 Change

The Wheel of Engagement podcast is dedicated to the lives of people who use social care services. The Wheel of Engagement is Achieve together's support framework, and each episode focuses on aspects that framework, with experts by experience and guests discussing their own stories and experiences. In this episode of the Wheel of Engagement Podcast, members of Campaign 4 Change invite guest speakers Gary Bourlet, Membership and Engagement Lead at Learning Disability England, and Zak Houlahan, CEO of Achieve together, to discuss 3 chapters of the Good Lives Manifesto - "Employment & Poverty," "Reform Social Care" and "Be a champion".

Future Directions Green Superheroes

A film by the Green Superheroes, Future Directions and SPICE

The idea for this project came from Eric, a SPICE member and person we support in Trafford. He drew a picture of a 'Recycling Man' and told us that he wanted to show people how to recycle and tell them why it is so important.



**Winner of the Spirit of
Manchester Awards
2024 (Inspiring
Campaign)**

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What is a Sexual Self Advocacy?

A film by the U-Night Group

A short film about what it means to be a sexual self advocate. It was made by U-Night groups in Lancashire. U-NIGHT GROUP, LANCASHIRE: We speak up about Friendship, Love, Sex and Relationships in the lives of adults with a learning disability. Our Directors are people with a disability, family members and experienced professionals.

U-Night will be sharing more about the project in their workshop about relationships.



**Contains stories of
discrimination and
disempowerment**

CLASP's Learning Disability Awareness Video

A film by CLASP, sponsored by Wokingham United Charities

This video aims:

- To raise awareness of the type of discrimination that people with learning disabilities may experience
- To help people understand how people with learning disabilities like to be treated
- To show the importance of reasonable adjustments when working with people with learning disabilities.
- To raise awareness of how CLASP can help improve the lives of people with learning disabilities.

The Lying Doctors

A film from the Archive by Firebird Theatre (formerly, The Portway Players)

'The Lying Doctors', toured to venues across England. The company then made this show into a film, with Redweather Productions.

Firebird Theatre was first established in 1988 as the Portway Players. The Company evolved through meetings at the Portway Centre, a Bristol Day Centre. Their first performance in a professional theatre was at Bristol Old Vic in 1990 with Yellow Sun, Red Moon.

The film tells the company's stories of discrimination in medical settings.



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A Spark and A Beating Heart (Behind The Scenes)

A film by Firebird Theatre and Redweather Productions

A Behind the Scenes look at Firebird's 2017 production 'A Spark and A Beating Heart':

History. Myth. Remembering. What stories can we tell each other of our past?

Created and written by the company, A Spark and a Beating Heart is about us; who we are, how we came here and why we do what we do. It's a celebration and a love-letter, a party and an elegy. Mixing the many myths of the firebird with a collective reflection on lives lived. We are here to tell you our story.



**Contains
references to
discriminatory
views**

Firebird Funding Announcement

A film by Firebird Theatre

Following a period of grief and isolation, members have worked hard to come together and work on a new programme of workshops, connecting with the wider Learning Disabled community, Leadership, cultural connection and making a new piece of theatre.

Video credits:

Featuring Firebird actors: Chris Wiltshire, Mol Hutchison, Tina Kelly, Lucy Smith, Olivia Watkins and Kevin Hogan. Firebird also includes: Daniel Bryan, Liam Hudson, Maya Sarosh and Jake Binns.

Script by: Olivia Watkins and Chris Wiltshire

Film by: Jon Aitken

Thank you to everyone who shared their films for
the Self Advocate Cinema Programme!