

Charity of the Year Proposal

Why work in Partnership with Accuro?

Accuro are a local charity based in Takeley providing support services and activities for young people and adults with a disability in Great Dunmow, Harlow, Loughton and Saffron Walden areas.

Working across West Essex, Accuro provide a range of services to families with children and adults with a disability, including respite care, leisure and social activities, support and advice. We became a registered charity in 1994, however we have been running since 1984 to cover projects in Harlow, Epping and Uttlesford. The children and young adults we cater for have various conditions from learning disabilities to physical disabilities.

Accuro is well known with a high profile locally and a large following on our social media outlets (reach more than 2.5k). We need to develop strategic partnerships with organisations, businesses and individuals in our local community to ensure we raise the awareness and funds required to continue supporting people with a disability in West Essex. Our focus for 2019/20 is to recruit Volunteers from our local community to help us to continue supporting individuals with a disability. The volunteers can provide help with fundraising or get involved at our clubs.

There are many mutual benefits and rewards for our community partner organisations and we hope that we can work with you in partnership for mutual benefit.

Choosing Accuro as your Charity of the Year in 2019/20 will allow you

- To be an Accuro Community Partner Organisation.
- Display your logo on Accuro's website, at events and on literature.
- Share your organisation details with our supporters to help raise awareness of your group/cause.
- Communication to over 2,000 people via email, website, social media and post.
- Local press opportunities, media support and public relations.
- Volunteering and fundraising opportunities for your members.
- Networking and sponsorship opportunities.
- To provide Accuro the opportunity to communicate their case for support with your network.

Our Services

We run a youth group specifically for 11-19 years olds on the autistic spectrum called Cool Connections in Harlow. The scheme offers a youth club and a 1:1 befriending scheme for young people on the autistic spectrum who live in the Harlow area. We also arrange regular trips and outings, including an annual holiday (funding permitting).



Accuro's Under 19 scheme provides leisure and social opportunities for young people with disabilities who live in the Uttlesford area. We aim to provide a warm and supportive atmosphere where staff and volunteers will encourage and assist our members. The scheme runs two weekly youth clubs (Great Dunmow & Saffron Walden) and a 1:1 befriending scheme for young people between 11-19 years of age. Both clubs run during term time and the half term holidays. We also offer some activity days in the school holidays.

In Saffron Walden Accuro run the Saturday Play Club providing opportunities for children with a range of disabilities and needs, to engage in constructive and imaginative play within a safe, caring environment. We aim to develop each child's:

Confidence & Self esteem

Communication

Life skills

Independent Play

Social skills

Accuro's Adult Friendship scheme supports adults with learning disabilities and / or physical disabilities by facilitating 1:1 friendships, small group and larger group activities. The scheme is for anyone over the age of 18 in the Harlow or Uttlesford areas.

"Adults with a disability want to have the same social life as any other adult"

All our staff and volunteers go through a rigorous vetting and training process and must pass an enhanced DBS check (formerly known as a CRB). Many of our volunteers are studying for a career in care. They get an enormous sense of achievement from helping at our clubs and our members are able to interact with people of a similar age.

In 2018/19 it cost Accuro £482,960 to provide these services and we supported 112 families. We could not exist without the support of the local community.

We believe that working together will have a positive benefit for both parties and will develop a long-lasting relationship.

To get involved and to discuss this proposal or any other ideas you may have please contact me.

Kindest regards



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