



## Sam Sillars



### Education

I have been in full time mainstream education from age 3-20.

Creativity in practice

- Level 2 Employability Skills - 2021
- Mental Health Awareness Day - 2019
- Level 1 Award in Mentoring – 2019

A-level

- English literature, B – 2017
- English Language C – 2015

GCSE's 2013

- English Language, B
- English Literature, A
- History, D

City and Guild Award – Level 2 – 2012

City and Guild Award – Level 1 – 2011

Effective Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

### Work Experience

- June 2020 – present, self employed mentor with ATtherapy.
- 2013-2016 – Half termly meetings in London with the EPIC project advising the government on issues in their policies regarding young people with disabilities.  
<http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/epic/what-we-do>
- June 2014 – Evidencing at parliamentary enquiry into childcare for disabled children regarding provision for older children. My comments were used in the final report.
- Jan 2011-2013, Voice Inclusion Participation Empowerment Research Project (VIPER) with the 'alliance for inclusive education' (ALLFIE). London as a researcher. Advocate young disabled persons views on participation and consultation with provider services.
- 2012 A week work experience at Kendal Archives arranged through school.
- November 2011, represented Britain at the European Parliament Hearing 'Young Views on Inclusive Education' as the English delegate.
- Autumn 2011, Inclusion Now, wrote an article on my experiences of ALLFIE.

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- September 2009 Disability Now, my letter regarding accessibility at festivals is published.

## Skills

- Strong people skills
- Effective communicator, especially in written form
- Good at problem solving
- Creative and imaginative
- Skilled power chair and communication aid user.

## Other

I have been involved with 1Voice, a national organization that supports families with children who use Voice output communication aids.

In July 2010, I was invited to Barcelona to the Communication Matters, international conference to co-present a presentation "the importance of positive adult disabled role models". I was also involved in the teenage workshop discussing the importance of the 1Voice national network.

## Interests

Ever since I was a little girl, I have always loved going on camping trips with family and friends. I also enjoy music festivals in the summer months. Before the pandemic, going to the cinemas to see all the latest films was a regular trip out for me. I have started attending residential outdoor activities and weekends at Bendrigg Lodge and Calvert Trust again since the restrictions have ended. Creative writing has always been my passion so I have recently begun an evening course in creative writing at my local college.

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