

Public Endorsements – 2026 – Received for NDA Awards

- Excellent organisation who supports disabled people by producing fabulous awareness lessons, films and animations
- About time Scotland received some recognition for work in Community.
- Work very hard for disadvantaged communities
- It's a great charity that's provide support for the young people out there
- A brilliant organisation that is helping to bring disability to the forefront of acceptance, normalisation and celebration. Brilliantly pitched and accessible resources. My brother was asked to be a part of one of the disability awareness animations and he loved it.
- A fantastic award winning charity, focused on raising the awareness of disability hate crime that has produced some incredible free resources on a wide range of topical subjects facing disadvantaged groups and young people.
- I am voting for I Am Me Scotland for the Community Organisation Award because their work has transformed the lives of disabled people and communities across Scotland. Their commitment to equality, accessibility, and safety is not only outstanding but genuinely life-changing. For being a very small team of 4, through their training, resources, community partnerships, national campaigns, and innovative approaches, they consistently demonstrate compassion, integrity, and a deep understanding of the barriers many people face every single day. They work tirelessly to challenge attitudes and perceptions around disability and inequality. They shine a light on the experiences of disabled people and give individuals and communities the tools, confidence, and knowledge to create real, practical, and lasting change. Their training is not only accessible, engaging, and grounded in lived experience but it's FREE! It helps people understand not only what disability is, but how society can be more inclusive, welcoming, and safe for everyone. One of the most powerful aspects of their work is how they put people at the centre of everything they do. They bring people along with them. They ensure that disabled children, young people, and adults have a voice in shaping resources, campaigns, and training. They collaborate closely with schools, community groups, businesses, local authorities, and national services to embed best practice and promote equality in ways that are achievable and meaningful. The impact of this work is clear, more informed communities, safer public spaces, and a growing national recognition of the rights, dignity, and contributions of disabled people. Their Disability Friendly Training has been particularly impactful. It is practical, compassionate, and incredibly well designed. It helps people understand the barriers disabled individuals may face, how simple changes can make a huge difference, and how everyone has a role to play in creating truly inclusive environments. The training does not lecture or criticise, it empowers. It gives people confidence, breaks down misconceptions,

and leaves participants feeling equipped to support others in respectful and meaningful ways. What sets I Am Me Scotland apart is their ability to combine innovation with humanity. They produce high-quality training films, accessible educational resources, and creative campaigns that speak directly to the challenges people face, whether that is hate crime, exclusion, stigma, or hidden barriers. They communicate serious topics in ways that are engaging, relatable, and grounded in real lived experience. Their work is thoughtful, trauma-informed, and always centred on dignity and respect. As a small charity with a massive impact, they consistently achieve far more than their size would suggest. Their team works with passion, dedication, and an unwavering belief that communities can change for the better. They collaborate, they listen, and they adapt their work to meet the needs of the people they work with. In a society where disabled people still experience barriers, discrimination, and isolation, I Am Me Scotland offers hope, practical solutions, and real action. Their work does not stay within the walls of a training room, it moves through streets, workplaces, schools, public services, and homes. It empowers people to speak up, to support others, and to stand against discrimination in all its forms. I Am Me Scotland truly embodies what a community organisation should be: inclusive, supportive, innovative, and driven by values that put people first. Their dedication to reducing inequality and promoting kindness has had a profound impact across Scotland, making communities safer, more informed, and more compassionate. For these reasons, and so many more, I wholeheartedly nominate I Am Me Scotland for the Community Organisation Award. Their work is exceptional, essential, and deeply deserving of recognition. They have changed lives, strengthened communities, and moved Scotland closer to becoming a country where everyone is valued, respected, and included.

- This charity do such great work across all areas of diversity and disability awareness
- This charity are completely focused on doing the right thing in the right way, ensuring disabled people lead their educational work and are empowered within communities. For a small team they achieve phenomenal things
- This organisation puts service users at the core of its activities, including service users in all aspects of their work. This ensures the objectives and activities of the organisation truly reflect the needs of the people it serves, as opposed to “experts” deciding what is required. I Am Me Scotland include service users in a meaningful rather than tokenistic way.
- I Am Me Scotland are instrumental at delivering disabled friendly training across Scotland. They positively affect change in understanding and behaviour of ordinary working people where they deliver the training. I have seen first hand, while present at sessions, seeing the "penny drop" for people and the realisation of why colleagues thinking a little different, makes a big difference to disabled people.

- They have been so supportive of their work in Paisley and beyond has been outstanding.
- Amazing work that they do!
- Great job done here and giving support to people who need it
- I have seen their film and there is lots of information and it is easy to watch, and they help people who are at a disadvantage and give them all equal treatment.
- Great service for people with disabilities.
- Excellent work in supporting vulnerable people.
- What an amazing organisation!
- A wonderful local. Charity
- They do terrific work
- Brilliant wee team. Absolutely love their work.
- The organisation are fully involved with education and businesses around Paisley. Great work!
- An absolutely amazing group of people who put others before themselves. There are not many organisations/charities who do what these people do and I commend them for their efforts
- Brilliant for the community and wider areas of Renfrewshire/Scotland.
- Amazing work - providing great support
- The excellent work they are doing to not only raise awareness but deliver real practical training to help improve approaches and practices
- For better access and for my friend Steven
- Consistently exceptional in both vision and delivery, this charity continues to set a remarkable standard. Time and again, they produce innovative, high-quality resources that make a genuine difference. Their work is not only inspiring but grounded in clear, measurable outcomes, demonstrating real and lasting impact within the communities they serve. What truly sets this organisation apart is its unwavering commitment to meaningful inclusion. The team goes beyond surface-level engagement, ensuring that people are involved in ways that are authentic, empowering, and deeply respectful. In my 40-year career, it is rare to witness such a sincere and effective approach to inclusive practice. Despite

operating with extremely limited funding, their achievements are nothing short of extraordinary. They consistently maximise every resource available to them, delivering results that far exceed expectations and proving that passion, expertise, and determination can overcome even the most significant constraints. An NDA would be a well-deserved recognition of this small yet formidable team of dedicated individuals. Their resilience, creativity, and impact embody the very spirit of excellence and service, making them truly deserving of national acknowledgment.

- The team work so hard to deliver so many amazing projects across the public sector
- Great idea helping the disabled people in this area.
- The work this charity does is amazing. They always strive to help the community.
- I Am Me have, for many years, improved the awareness and safety of those who live with disabilities. They are innovative and relentless in their efforts to improve accessibility in the public space and reduce the anxiety of those who may struggle to socialise or do general day to day activities that we take cmfor granted.
- The work they do is amazing
- Amazing organisation doing amazing work!
- A wonderful charity with an amazing team who strive to help and support others.
- Amazing charity
- They work so hard training the local business community and breaking down barriers and raising awareness
- They are a great, passionate team who do amazing work for the community
- Changed the life's of people around me.
- Continue to help get grant funding
- Amazin charity. Constantly evolving to need and develop class leading materials. Not precious about any of these as core values are soind and about people not bureacracy or their own organisation. Very rare and refreshing. Do real authentic consultation too and use different voices all the time and not same groups who are "expert". 3rd sector at its best

- I Am Me are dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and have been serving the community for a long while now. They also give up their free time to arrange events etc
- An amazing grassroots charity doing pretty fantastic work raising awareness and challenging stigma x
- Great charity, run well.
- A friendly and kind team that really care
- Brilliant charity and work. Unbelievable work in disability world and much beyond. Doing some great work with my team st mirren and helped them become first disability football club in scotland. Hopefully pushing agenda forward here too. Like they do in other areas. Outstanding and such a small wee group but use theit many many friends across the country and in all walks of life. Power to the people!
- Forward thinking charity that provides crucial support and lifeline for many.
- This is an amazing charity who have already done so much. They deserve the recognition and support to continue their great work. An outstanding team.
- They do such good work. They offer great resources and support to everyone. They so deserve to be recognised and rewarded for their hard work.
- Amazing charity with great value
- Great organisation
- For the tremendous work the organisation does for people with disabilities and I know someone who has been involved in the training facilities and speaks very highly of it.
- There work is exceptional
- This is a tiny but might organisation trying to mar the lives of so many people better. Their current programme of helping businesses and organisations become disability friendly spaces is great and every shop, cafe and office block should get involved. They are making the world more safe and inclusive and that is to be applauded. It is true inclusion by spreading knowledge and understanding.

- Brilliant wee team and volunteers, each committed to bringing the voices of disabled people to the forefront. It's been a pleasure working with the team to create some of the resources and delighted to support this nomination.
- This organisation allows all with a disability have a voice to be treated with respect. They support all and have great recognition in the community for the work they do x
- This charity changes lives, and supports so many people in the community. I have seen first hand the difference that they make to making life better for so many children, young people and people with disabilities.
- Just the best people!
- This is a vote for the I Am Me Scotland team, who worked with my football club to sort out the lack of support for disabled fans. I Am Me set up meetings with supporters to find out what they wanted to make better. They then worked with the club to start to make changes. I'm sure it was said that they weren't paid for the work, which makes it even more heartfelt, honest and impactful Well done on this nomination and good luck.
- This is a most deserving charity. Supporting young people with disabilities is essential work.
- I am a carer for my wife who primarily uses a powerchair when out of the house and so we have encountered many issues with accessibility in a variety of places. I therefore fully support I Am Me Scotland in their efforts to improve accessibility for disabled people.
- Excellent support for vulnerable people with disabilities within the community. They aim for inclusion and safety day to day in everyday life. Educating children with their excellent resources for schools tackling bullying, hate crime, exploitation, grooming and gangs.
- They're an incredible charity, making a big difference
- I Am Me work with my organisation to produce resources for children and young people, including those with a range of diverse backgrounds, of a very high standard. They fully understand the issues we are trying to tackle or raise awareness of, engage with partners and the target audience throughout to maximise engagement & validity of content.
- Good cause
- A fantastic charity that does so much for disabled people of all ages.

- fantastic charity
- This charity runs on a shoestring and produces the highest quality, groundbreaking content, always reflecting and representing the voices of children and young people. They are amazing!!! Full disclosure, I was a trustee on their Board for ten years ... so know how great they are!
- For making a positive difference in making our communities a better place by educating our young people and indeed, people of all ages. 🧡
- The Charity does great work in schools and in the community.
- Great group do a wonderful job with their resources.
- Their work is invaluable and always in need of support.
- I am disabled and in a power chair . I want to support this charity in the work that they do for people like me.
- Excellent work for people with physical and mental challenges.
- Great work done to deal with the scourge of bullying
- I think this is a valuable charity , who are making an impact in the community.
- They play a vital part in bringing inclusion to children with disabilities.
- Amazing work being done by this Charity which is educational and inspirational. Resources are free and easily accessed in all formats
- This is a wonderful small charity which does so much with so little to promote better understanding of disabilities and those who are vulnerable. Their educational packages are excellent and grounded in real-life experience, all with a view to promoting better understanding of disabilities ; to reducing offending against those with disabilities ; and also to protecting those communities from being exploited and/or unwittingly led into a life of crime. Their disability friendly programme promotes spaces where vulnerable people can be treated with kindness and respect and feel welcome and where they can be themselves -to be me-without fear of ridicule or censure or be prey to opportunistic criminals preying on their vulnerability.
- This charity have done incredibly at raising awareness and creating initiatives that promote inclusion, equality and diversity.

- A really inclusive and forward thinking charity. The team do so much, with so little. Constantly going above and beyond, but always involving, recognising and crediting other people. A charity that others should look to learn from. Inclusion at the heart.
- Worked closely with I am Me to produce awareness videos around HT and exploitation. It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated and hard working people. Well deserving of my vote!
- This non funded organisation does so much to raise awareness and support they deserve some funding
- Because I want to help.
- Fantastic local charity who do amazing work in this area.
- The group is one of the most helpful and productive groups I have ever come across. Their knowledge and commitment to helping people is invaluable. The staff are friendly and helpful, and although a small group they work for community groups way beyond the call of duty. They are professional and totally committed to diversity, and educating people re: issues affecting everyone within society.
- Brilliant group of people. They visited the care home I worked in and brought gifts for the residents, which cheered them up. Friendly staff who treat everyone equally and are willing to help anyone experiencing discrimination.
- I Am Me Scotland deserves the Community Organisation Award for their exceptional commitment to equality, inclusion, and accessibility across Scotland. Despite being a small charity with only four staff members, their impact is extraordinary. The team brings valuable lived experience of disability, which guides and strengthens all of their work. This insight ensures their training and resources are authentic, meaningful, and grounded in real experiences. I Am Me Scotland is determined to ensure that disabled people, including children and young people, have their voices heard. They create safe, supportive spaces for people to share their experiences and use these voices to shape training, resources, and national conversations about exploitation, discrimination, and inclusion. Their Disability Friendly Training is a powerful example of this approach, helping organisations and communities understand the barriers disabled people face and providing practical ways to remove those barriers. Their passion, professionalism, and creativity shine through in everything they do. They challenge discrimination, raise awareness, and encourage positive change in communities, workplaces, and public services throughout Scotland. For such a small team, their achievements are remarkable, and their influence continues to grow. For these reasons, I strongly support I Am Me Scotland's nomination for the Community Organisation Award. Their dedication to

amplifying voices, improving accessibility, and promoting understanding makes them truly worthy of national recognition.

- I Am Me Scotland deserves the Community Organisation Award for their exceptional commitment to equality, inclusion, and accessibility across Scotland. Although they are a small charity, their impact is extraordinary. As someone who manages a team of 60 staff and supports around 40 service users with additional needs, including learning disabilities, autism, Down syndrome, and mental health conditions, I have seen first-hand the difference this organisation makes. Their training has strengthened the confidence and safety of both staff and service users, particularly through sessions on how to stay safe, recognise unhealthy behaviour, and understand what healthy relationships look like. These sessions were accessible, engaging, and tailored to the needs of the people we support. What sets I Am Me Scotland apart is the way they talk about their lived experience. This insight guides and strengthens all of their work, ensuring that every training session, resource, and community initiative is authentic, meaningful, and grounded in real experiences of disability. The charity is deeply committed to ensuring that disabled people are heard. Their training is always delivered so that my service users can share their experiences. Their contributions to national conversations about discrimination, exploitation, and inclusion. Their Disability Friendly Training is a powerful example of this, helping organisations like ours recognise barriers and take practical steps to remove them. Their passion, professionalism, and creativity are evident in everything they deliver. They are not scared to challenge discrimination and talk about difficult topics, making for positive changes throughout Scotland. For such a small team, their achievements are remarkable, and their influence continues to grow. For these reasons, I think that I Am Me Scotland's are the perfect winners for the Community Organisation Award. Their dedication to amplifying the voices of disabled people, improving accessibility, and promoting true understanding makes them unquestionably deserving of national recognition.
- I have been working with the I Am Me team on a Deaf awareness animation. Why am I grateful that this amazing charity are shining the light on Deaf Awareness? D/deaf people struggle with many things, and I Am Me Scotland know that small things make a huge difference. Some of the stats they have highlighted. STATISTICS Lack of accessible communication from the NHS 24% of Deaf or hard-of-hearing people said they cannot contact their GP or hospital in a way that is accessible to them. 34% said their GP does NOT contact them in an accessible way. [rnid.org.uk] 2. Poor understanding during healthcare appointments Only 63% understood all the information given to them at NHS appointments. 27% said they did not understand the health information provided. I Am Me Scotland bring people with lived experience along with them on their journey. They are modest. Don't want to take credit for all of the work they do, because they feel that the people they work with give so much of themselves to make Scotland greater. The truth is, THEY make so many people feel comfortable, and confident to tell their own stories. I feel heard.....probably for the first time in a long time. And if my story can help at least one adult, one

child, one family member feel heard and seen.....I thank I Am Me Scotland from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to be a little bit of help accomplishing that. Do I think they deserve to win this award.....Absobloodylutely :-)

- I want to nominate I Am Me Scotland because they have helped me for a long time and I really like working with them. I started helping the charity when I was 5 years old. I did voiceovers for their disability and bullying lessons. I was the voice of their teddy...Keep Safe Sam who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. They always made me feel welcome - and brought lots of treats. They were kind to me and made me feel like what I was doing was important. I've been in two films for them. When I was 9, me and my brother were in a film that talked about disability hate crime, and when I was 13, I was in a film about child exploitation. It was a serious topic, but they explained everything to me so I understood it. I felt safe the whole time. That film is now used in schools, prisons, and child protection training with the council, and I feel really proud of that. I Am Me has helped me grow my confidence. They listen to me and make me feel part of the team. I've learned a lot about helping others and standing up for people. This is why I think I Am Me Scotland should win the Community Organisation Award. They have helped me since I was young, and they help lots of other people too. I would like to thank my teacher, Mrs McPherson for helping me write this nomination.
- I first became involved with I Am Me Scotland when I was at school, and I was invited to take part in their films and voiceovers for disability awareness, hate crime awareness and anti bullying education. From the start, they treated me, and my brother with respect, encouraged us to share our ideas, and helped me grow in confidence. Being trusted to contribute to real educational films that are used in schools and communities across the country has been an amazing experience. Through working with I Am Me Scotland, I have learned so much, about myself, about disability equality, and about how important it is to stand up against bullying and hate. They taught me how to use my voice in a positive way, and showed me that young people's experiences and opinions truly matter. I developed new skills in communication, teamwork and film production, and I now feel more confident speaking up and getting involved in projects that help others. The films I worked on are used in schools, youth groups and organisations all over Scotland, and it feels amazing to know I played even a small part in that. I also took part in their ambassador training with the rest of my year group. Here, we watched the I Am Me film. It made me and my friends understand disability and why kindness and respect matter, and how to recognise and report hate crime or bullying. It also helped us understand the seriousness of hate crime, and the consequences that come with it - which can be- really bad. When I was in 3rd year, I was diagnosed with dyslexia. To be honest, it was a relief. When talking to I Am Me, it made me realise that I am not on my own. Being different is a good thing, and they knew it, because they all talked about their disabilities, their struggles but also their strengths. There are so many other people out there that learn differently, and I should be proud of

who I Am. All of this work has helped me secure full time employment when I left school. I work for OneRen, which is a sports organisations. I work with children and young people, and in my interview, I was able to talk about I Am Me, and how I have worked with them. It was really interesting because the man that interviewed me, knew all about them. Even said they use some of their stuff for training the staff. I am very proud to have worked with them, and extremely grateful for everything they have taught me. Their kindness, dedication and impact make them an organisation that changes lives, including mine.

- I follow through their work as I am disabled myself and in my eyes they do a tremendous effort in raising awareness of people with disabilities and how obstacles in daily life can make things complicated.
- Such an amazing charity that's helping so many!
- Excellent resources which I've been able to use when designing Personal and Social Education resources.
- An invaluable resource in the classroom. Child friendly, appropriate, easy to use - extremely grateful for the wonderful resource they have created.
- Very supportive group who do a lot of outstanding work to support schools and children.
- As a Pupil Care and Support Teacher, I use I Am Me resources frequently throughout the year. They are up-to-date and relevant for young people and is a hugely valued resource by teachers. Thank you for creating the resources and promoting awareness and encouraging discussions in classrooms.
- Great educational resources.
- Its a worthy cause x
- As a teacher these resources have been incredibly valuable in teaching young people about respect and equality.
- I use their resource often in school and feel it engages children really well and demonstrates diversity in a way the children can relate to.
- Fabulous resource which is very motivating and engaging for learners. Generates lots of good discussion and ideas.
- Fantastic resource for schools and families meaning it has far reach to many, many children. Age appropriate content and easy to navigate.

- Fantastic charity, aware of their really helpful and innovative resources for school and their supportive staff team who help too. Their resources make an impact in how we can best support our young people, can only praise and thank I Am Me Scotland!
- This is an amazing resource that tackles many difficult issues in a way that it so engaging for young people. We have had so many thoughtful discussions around topics such as hate crime using the guided use of the short videos. The presentations too are so informative and the use of their peer's voices to narrate the presentations is also motivating for young people. A really easy to use, well thought-out resource, that as a P7 teacher, has become one of my main go to for teaching Health and Wellbeing. Thank you!
- An resource to support learning in HWB with pupils in primary school, including mental health, children's rights and disability awareness. The resources are age appropriate, engaging and interactive and really help teachers deliver this area of the curriculum.
- Awesome resource for teachers and schools.
- Doing excellent work in the community. Especially at St Mirren and hopefully this will spread to other football clubs
- I Am Me Scotland more than deserve to win. Their commitment to ensuring children across Scotland are safe and those with disabilities have a voice is incredible.
- I Am Me shares important messages in a child friendly manner which is meaningful to young people.
- I watched I Am Me film and I cried as it was so moving and Charlie was portrayed wonderfully. I am a teacher and I hate to think that anyone in my class would be subjected to this treatment in the future. We all need to take a stand and protect one another in every community.
- I Am Me Scotland is a wonderful resoucre for teachers and children. I use it to teach my P7 class about substance misuse each year and find it to be comprehensive, current, factual and set at just the right level for our learners. Thank you!
- Supporting I AM ME Scotland is important because it helps raise awareness about disability hate crime, empowers vulnerable communities, and promotes a safer, more inclusive society for everyone. In school, the resources are accessible for all, thought provoking and really have made a difference is raising awareness throughout the school community.

- Making a difference to the people they support in local communities.
- Very good learning resource to use in schools.
- Excellent school resources that I have used with a variety on my classes.
- Great resources
- Excellent communication with and help for schools.
- This platform is a great way for not only neurodiverse people to learn but also for adults in key services to access inclusive material.
- The I Am Me team worked with children from my school to develop a hate crime ambassadors programme. Carole and Megan worked with the young people to develop a full training day that was then shared with other schools across Scotland. The young people went on to receive Diana Awards for their work around anti bullying. I have since watched the charity from the sidelines and have seen the tiny team grown in confidence, ability and reach across Scotland. The unique way in which people are encouraged to participate and then rewarded through confidence building, trust and then recognition for their work is truly exceptional. I believe this charity deserves to be recognised and applauded for everything they do. There is no annual funder, no national team, everything they do, they do themselves. Well done and good luck.
- Fantastic resources for schools - the videos showing multiple perspectives are really powerful. Every young person should see these and be warned about people taking advantage of vulnerable people so that they can recognise the signs and get support. Amazing what this organisation has achieved with a small team but a wealth of creativity.
- IAMME is tirelessly generous in supporting the changes needed for our society to be inclusive and egalitarian
- Inclusion in action - positively promotes diversity and inclusion in their wider sense. Fits class example that also reduces stigma.
- I Am Me undertake significant work to change attitudes and behaviours.
- I Am Me are a fantastic organisation carrying out work on disability, hate crime, and bullying.
- Great resource

- The work IAMME is doing around the country is ground-breaking and making a difference to all who they support, more IAMME required and they fully deserve the recognition this award would bring.
- I Am Me Scotland do incredible work. I'm a professional working in the charity sector with disabled adults and carers, and I recommend and forward the I Am Me newsletters to everyone I work with. It's informative but also down to earth. They highlight real experiences and put disabled people at the heart of all they do, you can see it across their newsletters and the work they do. They aren't just a service for disabled people, they are an opportunity for disabled people to be part of their team professionally. A great example of best inclusive practice. For such a small team they do an awful lot.
- They have a great educational platform and their materials are well thought out and tell powerful stories which young people respond too.
- I Am Me Scotland has created a wealth of support materials that are utilised in schools. They are relevant and current to our young people and as such a really good resource.
- Having free up to date resources available to use with groups is really beneficial for me as a practitioner and the young people that I work with.
- I have known of the charity for the past 10 years and watched them thrive and continue to influence many different lives and bring communities together. I think that the work they do is so important to change perceptions and raise awareness for disabilities which is why I am placing my vote with them.
- A great resource and education resource for raising awareness of the topic in a sensitive manner in schools. The S1 pupils absolutely love looking at the topic through Charlie's Story and it is hard hitting but something they all fully engage with and continue talking about in upper years.
- Their film clips create good discussions and they have relevant and useful resources to use.
- Amazing work from I Am Me Scotland, with staff who go above and beyond.
- Excellent Charity who go above and beyond to help people
- I am Me provide practical and up to date resources for use in Scottish Schools. This takes an enormous pressure off us as Guidance Teachers as we are reassured that the lessons are accurate and up to date focusing on the issues that affect all young people today such as vaping, social media, misogyny. An extremely valuable resource.

- Helpful and dedicated staff who are committed to supporting people with disabilities and will readily share their advice and expertise
- I Am Me Scotland operates as a small but dedicated team, working tirelessly alongside disability organisations and local communities to develop a “Disability Friendly” framework. This work has included the creation of insightful, educational training tools for businesses—designed by individuals with lived experience—and made available free of charge. In addition, we have developed practical communication toolkits to support organisations in becoming more welcoming, accessible, and inclusive environments for disabled people.
- I Am Me Scotland provide a vital service for people and they have built up relationships with partner organisations to provide safe spaces for people. The training they provide is informative and interesting.
- Had a training session with our staff. Was very informative, eye opening, friendly and everyone enjoyed themselves. We learnt more about how we as a company and individuals can become more disability friendly. Would highly recommend them!
- I Am Me Scotland do fantastic work to help our disabled and vulnerable people, they are second to none, are respected and very much so part of Scotland's community. Run by dedicated volunteers who go that extra mile
- Good resources for teaching about Substance Misuse in schools.
- We use the I Am Me learning platform to enhance lessons and assembly in school.
- Have used resources from I am me Scotland
- I am delighted to be a supporter of I Am Me Scotland and I believe they deserve the Community Organisation Award for Disability - the work they have been doing is pioneering and so impactful with young people and schools across Scotland.
- Great support to the vulnerable and those with disability. Also provides great training on disability
- This is a very worthwhile cause. Everywhere should be a safe place but unfortunately that's not the world we live in. So, to have safe spaces that we can trust is paramount. The education and experience they bring is very worthwhile, Scotland is better for 'I am me Scotland.'
- A great organisation, providing training and support to library staff in how best to support people with disabilities.

- I want to be part of putting Scotland on the map for equality and inclusion. I want to help communities. Support future funding bids, allowing us to create more free films, lessons, and training I want to share awareness about disability equality, hate crime, bullying and child safety.
- This website is great for supporting our school with sensitive subjects. Everything they do is child centred and gives learners a voice. They are an amazing team and all the resourcing is free which is extremely beneficial for education.
- People with disabilities are people and we are part of society. Inclusion is essential
- What they do and how they do it.
- Our school equalities curriculum is based on many of the IAmMe resources which are of the highest quality. The pupils have learned so much for the videos, lessons and interactive resources. Colleagues love to teach it. Thank you.
- They do amazing work and I want to support them
- Excellent teaching resources which are great to use in PSE classes. They are relevant, informative, interactive and well received by students.
- They are an organisation that supports equality and inclusion for all. They reach out to schools, young people, and communities, offering how to free films, lessons, and training They are all about disability equality, hate crime, bullying and child safety. A very worthwhile organisation and what a great name.
- It is so important for children to develop their empathy skills. I Am Me Scotland's resources help children feel empowered. They can recognise that some children need more support than others and may be in a position to help in future
- I am voting for this charity to win this award because of the hard work I have seen from these people and they really do make a difference with what they have put together in the last decade. Raising awareness of people with disabilities and how it affects them, people suffering from bad mental health, people being exploited or drawn to radicalised behaviour especially children and vulnerable adults, and so much more they have work really hard on. Children, parents and teachers having access to so many resources about these different social issues made by the charity and these people would work with so many groups who have lived experiences of it. They do a tremendous job, let's put it that way. I am excited to see what they have to offer in the next few years.
- I Am Me Scotland should win a disability award because their small team of just four people delivers an exceptional level of impact, support, and advocacy for disabled people and vulnerable communities across Scotland. Despite their size

they run national campaigns, deliver education and training, support victims of disability hate crime, and work with schools, police and community groups to create safer and more inclusive environments. Their dedication, innovation and ability to create meaningful change with limited resources demonstrates their commitment, passion, and effectiveness, making them truly deserving of recognition through an award.

- They provide much needed help and support to schools with freely accessible resources which are in line with the Scottish Curriculum. These help schools create awareness and tackle the problems of bullying, hate crimes and substance misuse, to name a but a few.
- They work to help business in Scotland change attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel valued and respected in their communities
- Brilliant community group helping us with disabilities.
- They do amazing work in the community and support so many
- I have followed I Am Me since their inception and watch proudly as they tackle so many issues on behalf of the more vulnerable in our society, I applaud them.
- My son has a visible learning disability. He deserves to live safely and free from harassment in society. The I Am Me team are so inspiring in the work they do using the arts and education to reach people.
- Brilliant charity. Really hard working team and doing all they can to help people across Scotland.
- Charity does great work
- Fantastic Project ensuring disabled people are included in the communities sns supported in the workplace They provide guidance and support throughout their journey They are champions
- The charity have worked tirelessly in the community to raise awareness re disability hate crime and a host of other issues in related areas. They provide a vital lifeline for some vulnerable people.
- I work for this brilliant charity. We are a fabulous wee team, who want to make Scotland a better place for everyone to enjoy.
- I have worked with IAAME for many years on projects and used resources in PSE. incredible organisation. very impactful

- An excellent charity which has condidntently done effective work in supporting people with disabilities.
- A wonderful charity working to build inclusive communities.
- They have been a shining example of an organisation that demonstrates excellent and important work accross the community and deserve to be recognised at a national level.
- This organisation is well renowned for their dedication and care they display everyday. They consistently go above and beyond to support others and create a meaningful impact and their willingness to do this makes them incredibly deserving of recognition.
- An amazing organisation who aim to Change attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel valued, respected and included within their communities.
- Wonderful organisation which supports communities who really benefit from advocacy and support for their voices to be heard
- As a professional I know the great work that I Am Me Scotland do in raising awareness of hate crimes towards people with learning disabilities. Its a great project that has set up and increased the number of Safe Spaces that people with any additional support needs can go to if they need assistance, which is brilliant.
- A very worthwhile local charity that continues to do amazing work.
- There is no other organisation like I Am Me Scotland. It provides inclusion for those who find it difficult to join mainstream groups. Their understanding, empathy and more importantly, practical support is invaluable in this area. It is an exemplary service.
- I am me have made great strides into changing attitudes and safety in environments for disabled individuals. There are hundreds of safe places now and this has reduced isolation and risk for so many and assisted people to become more confident using their community and public spaces. Its also reduces stigma and i see more of an understanding from the public which is absolutely amazing and helps people to feel more part of their community
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- I Am Me Scotland is a fantastic organisation that continually work to ensure that disabled and vulnerable people can feel valued, respected and included within their communities, whilst helping to break down some of the barriers & reduce discrimination.
- The work they do is second to none, great people going above and beyond every day.
- Great organisation doing very important work.
- Brilliant work that ensures the safety of vulnerable people.
- Have worked along side and been supported by this wonderful organisation, it would be truly fitting for them to be recognised nationally for the wonderful work they do. They are innovative, inclusive, empathetic and knowledgeable. Driven by a person centred approach, they empower all who they come in to contact with. Truly deserving.
- As a Neurodivergent adult, I really appreciate the work that the team are doing to ensure we are all included in our community and society as a whole.
- I Am Me Scotland do amazing work within Renfrewshire to raise awareness, and embed lived experience in training.
- The team provide excellent support and bring real life experience to support knowledge and learning.
- Such good work through their Disability Friendly Scheme providing places of safety.
- Resources are free and developed by genuine participation from young people.
- I Am Me has helped and continues to help people with disabilities to be accepted as part of their community by trying to change outdated views and opinions that had created barriers. Thank You and Good Luck.
- I Am Me Scotland are a fantastic team and I have really enjoyed working with them in the past. Kieran is great and is passionate about sharing information about disabilities with the groups that he supports. The whole team deserve this recognition.
- I am me Scotland are fantastic advocates for everything children and young people CAN do and not what they CAN'T!

- I am me shares the ethos for inclusion across the board and if we don't all believe in this our society is set for increased fracturing throughout all areas.
- great organisation
- A local charity supporting disabled people.
- The team do a wonderful job with limited resources and work hard in the community to improve inclusivity and awareness. This award would be a recognition of the work they do and would also help with funding opportunities to allow them to increase the valuable work they do.
- This project plays a vital role in the community by supporting young people with disabilities to live fuller, more independent lives. Their work empowers these young people, helping them to access opportunities, develop skills, and build self confidence, working hard to help them feel valued and included in the community.
- Worth there weight in gold
- Excellent online training material.
- They are an amazing organisation and address Diversity in the Community as a priority
- The word that this organisation puts into establishing and mapping disability friendly places is invaluable and should be rewarded for the effort that the team puts in.
- They have clear objectives and I quite agree with it. People with disabilities deserves as much respect as neuro typical people.
- I'm voting for I Am Me Scotland because their work creates real change in communities, making Scotland safer, more inclusive and more understanding for everyone.
- brilliant work that is very much required
- they have worked very hard to reach different groups and have been able to reflect that knowledge and skill and adapt to be inclusive for everyone
- This has been very beneficial in supporting our service users with learning disabilities to feel safe in their communities and that their voices are heard.

- This small group make a huge difference to the lives of people in their community.
- We were proud to be listed as an I Am Me supporter, identifying places that are safe and welcoming to all.
- This is a great cause and raising awareness and understanding about these issues improves our centre.
- I am voting for I Am Me Scotland because they help make communities safer and more inclusive by raising awareness of disability through their work supporting vulnerable groups.
- All the important work you do around accessibility, which helps not only disabled people, but also those without disabilities in many, many ways.
- Equality is important
- An absolutley fantstic initiative to help some of the most vulnerable in society and assit them lead a more normal life
- This is a worthy organization that deserves the recognition for what they do.
- This is a great initiative to help the community and most vulnerable.
- Highlight scotland
- Having seen first-hand the work I Am Me Scotland deliver, I know it is a tremendous way to share the information they have to educate others. A fabulous local organisation that the whole of Scotland can benefit from.
- Small local organisation with a huge I pact
- I have used the resources provided by I Am Me for a few years now and they are excellent. The children in school respond very well to all the videos, discussion points and activities. An excellent website is available to access resources and support. I would recommend this to all schools.
- They do important work promoting equality, safety and anti-bullying for young people.
- I Am Me Scotland have worked tirelessly to promote the issues that affect all vulnerable people in Scotland. They have encouraged hundreds of organisation to support vulnerable prople in their venues. They have supported training to staff in these organisations, to raise the staff awareness of these issues and they

as individuals can help to address them. They would be worthy winners of the award in recognition of the great work that they have done so far.

- People with disabilities have the rights of anybody else but a lot of the time are ignored and not included in things. I have a neurodiverse child and accessing services is difficult I have even found GP do not want to know or even signpost in the right direction. Everybody should be included primary schools are starting to teach this now but also should be taught at home. I AM ME deserve this as they are a charity highlighting the disadvantages these people face in daily life and promoting inclusion for everyone the charity have experience in this field and are educating others
- An excellent partner to work with. Collaborated on several training packages for children and young people to raise awareness of disability hate crime, coercive control and criminal exploitation. Carol and the team are a formidable force and deserve recognition for tireless work to make Scotland a safer place for vulnerable people.
- I Am Me Scotland makes a difference every single day by highlighting ability rather than disability. I Am Me Scotland makes a difference every day by promoting ways to ensure people with disability can be protected and protect themselves. I Am Me Scotland makes a difference every day by showing the positive contribution individuals with disabilities make to their community.
- So many... the work they do is outstanding, raising awareness of the difficulties faced by disabled children and young people, and those with experience of alcohol and drug addiction and bullying. They offer training and support, producing wonderful videos and other resources which help thousands every year.
- I Am Me Scotland is a Charity that aims to Change attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel valued, respected and included within their communities.
- Quality of service
- I AM ME provides very good resources for schools and works closely with businesses and communities to inform on many diverse issues but the biggest being the impact of Disability Hate Crime and the amount of support they offer to build confidence to challenge and report disability hate crime is second to none.
- IAMME provide a platform that makes teaching resources as accessible as possible. It's so important that young people and all learners are not excluded from essential resources because of disability.

- 'I Am Me Scotland' helps give the often unnoticed individuals , who are not considered of value to their local community, yet have potentially much to contribute to a happier more diverse community when listened to and enabled.
- I hugely respect all the effort I Am Me Scotland have put in Scotland. About a year before the initiative was launched one of our customers was having her 21st birthday party at home a couple of blocks away from our store. Her friends from her weekly group all wanted to travel to the party independently but some were anxious about going to a new unknown environment. Jennifer came in and asked if it was ok for her to let them know that if they felt scared "to go into the Londis and they would be safe until her Mum or brother could come down and take them to her house" When I discussed the I Am Me project with Jennifer she was delighted that "Her" idea was going to be used. No support was needed on that occasion however I am sure that the confidence given was hugely supportive. That confidence will have been felt thousands of times across Scotland over the years Well done everyone and Thank You
- Great work from a dedicated team
- I Am Me Scotland is a superb organisation doing so much for disabled & vulnerable people.
- Fantastic organisation
- They are a great organisation, providing valuable information and support
- Inclusive education and practical community support for disabled people to be accepted and supported.
- Brilliant project and used by so many individuals. Has helped in so many ways and allows people to have their independence as well as knowledge of being safe.
- Local charity doing great work!
- Amazing charity helped so many people
- Lessons are brilliant, interesting and up to date.
- I am deeply proud to vote for I Am Me Scotland for the National Diversity Awards. This charity was built from a place of courage, compassion and a determination to make Scotland safer and more inclusive for disabled and vulnerable people. I'm incredibly fortunate to work alongside a small team who pour their heart, creativity and commitment into everything we do. Their support, guidance and belief in our mission shape the charity every single day, and I feel genuinely honoured to work with people who care so much. What moves me most, and

what truly defines I Am Me Scotland, are the amazing individuals with lived experience who work with us. Their honesty, strength and insight guide our work and make sure our resources and training reflect real life, real challenges and real voices. They inspire me constantly, and I feel lucky every day to meet and learn from such incredible people. This nomination isn't about one person. It's about a collective effort, a community of people who believe in equality, safety and inclusion, and who work together to make that a reality.

- I think that the work that the teams does is invaluable for a group that need to be heard.
- They are an amazing group and initiative who raise a lot of awareness of disability hate crime which then helps make disabled individuals more valued and respected in society.
- I Am Me doing amazing and very valuable work in the local community to support very vulnerable young people
- So many families are living with someone with a disability and I Am Me bring issues to the forefront and challenge inequality.
- I Am Me has created an amazing suite of educational resources which are so valuable in teaching young people about disability rights. It's fantastic what they have achieved with such a small team, and that they allow their resources to be used across Scotland to promote rights and inclusion for all differently abled young people.
- I manage a day service for adults with learning disabilities and they've been a huge support to our service. Furthermore, taking time to educate school children, it allows our service users to be accepted in their local community.
- Excellent resources for young people that have had significant impact on challenging behaviours and attitudes.
- To support a great organisation.
- An amazing charity, making communities more inclusive!
- A Charity where every penny helps young people across Scotland. From creating a network of disability friendly places where people can feel safe to working with schools to raise awareness about harm, diversity and disability. This is a charity that certainly deserves my vote.
- I Am Me are doing a lot of fantastic work in local communities, creating inclusive environments.

- Having lived in Paisley for 9 years I saw first hand the impact I Am Me Scotland was having. Working closely with other charities, community groups, businesses and the local university this is a small charity making a huge impact. They have my full support.
- I'm voting for I Am Scotland because I've seen first-hand the incredible difference they make. I've engaged with them for a number of years and continue to be inspired by their passion, commitment and determination to change lives. Despite being a small team, you would never know it the energy they bring and the impact they create is remarkable. As someone who is dyslexic and has faced challenges in life, I know how important organisations like this are. They give people hope, support and opportunities they may never otherwise have. The people behind I Am Scotland are true superheroes, and this award would be incredibly well deserved. Wishing them all the very best you have my full support
- I have worked with this team. They collaborate with an open mind and produce excellent results
- This is an amazing charity that do excellent work in our community. They work within schools and other organisations, teaching young children and others about disability hate crimes and a whole lot more. A very deserving charity.
- They support many groups with many disabilities and help
- I Am Me Scotland provide a voice for people when they need it most. It can be incredibly isolating for disabled children and young people when they're being bullied. So difficult to find the words or strength to deal with it. The work of I Am Me Scotland is so Important in helping those children feel valued and respected, and confident enough to speak up, and feel supported, when something isn't right. And also to find a space with people who understand exactly what they are going through. This work is needed now more than ever. It is incredibly impressive to see such a small charity make such a big impacts
- A great charity that does so much for diversity across Scotland.
- The team have done an amazing job for the community and those with disabilities. Education and practical support, the team just keep going!
- They do a brilliant job in raising awareness and the profile of inclusiveness across local communities.
- I really like the work this Wed team do. It's always inclusive, relevant and always brings real issues to the light. It's easy to recognise big organisations, with large staff groups and healthy budgets, but the grassroots organisations are working hardest to support ground level communities who need support and their voices heard now.

- We recently had I am Me in for a workshop with our school. The staff were amazing, friendly and supportive of every child. They provided our young people with great information and workshops to bring everyone together on diversity.
- Done fantastic work alongside St Mirren
- Amazing organisation and making a positive difference to so many in the community
- Fantastic charity
- The charity do great advocacy work for people with disabilities and supporting people to remain independent in the community know there are places where staff have been trained on disabilities if they need support.
- The most amazing organisation!
- Great service, wonderful team. 🇪🇺
- To support and recognise the great work that I Am Me Scotland are doing.
- Ideal service
- I Am Me Scotland are doing amazing work in schools and communities to raise awareness about disabilities. Considering they are such a small team, they deserve the recognition for the volume of amazing work they do!
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