



2019 - 2020

Student placements at



Disability Wales
Anabledd Cymru

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About Disability Wales

Disability Wales exists to champion the rights and equality of all disabled people in Wales.

As a membership organisation run by disabled people, we provide a strong voice and leadership to influence policy on the issues that matter to our members. Our member Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) cover all areas of Wales, campaigning on local issues and strengthening the work we do nationally.

Wales has the highest proportion of disabled people in the UK, at 26%. We all have a huge task on our hands to tackle inequality and exclusion. We are on a mission to empower disabled people and their organisations to create change locally, nationally and internationally.



Why do a placement with us?

If you're looking for opportunities to develop your skills-base and gain experience of disability rights and/or the third sector, Disability Wales can provide you with a short, medium or long-term placement.

Each student will receive ongoing training, plus a mentor to offer help and support during the placement. After your placement we can provide a reference for future employment.

The placement will provide:

- work-shadow opportunities to attend high-profile meetings and events
- opportunities to develop confidence and teamworking skills
- the chance to produce research that may help influence policy and practice
- opportunities to use your skills to help advance the rights of disabled people in Wales

Types of roles available

Disability Wales can provide student placement opportunities in the following areas:

- event organisation
- short film production or photography
- outreach with young disabled people
- corporate fundraising
- social media/website support
- general office work
- research
- marketing strategy

We may also have openings in other areas - please get in touch if you are interested in other areas of work not mentioned above.



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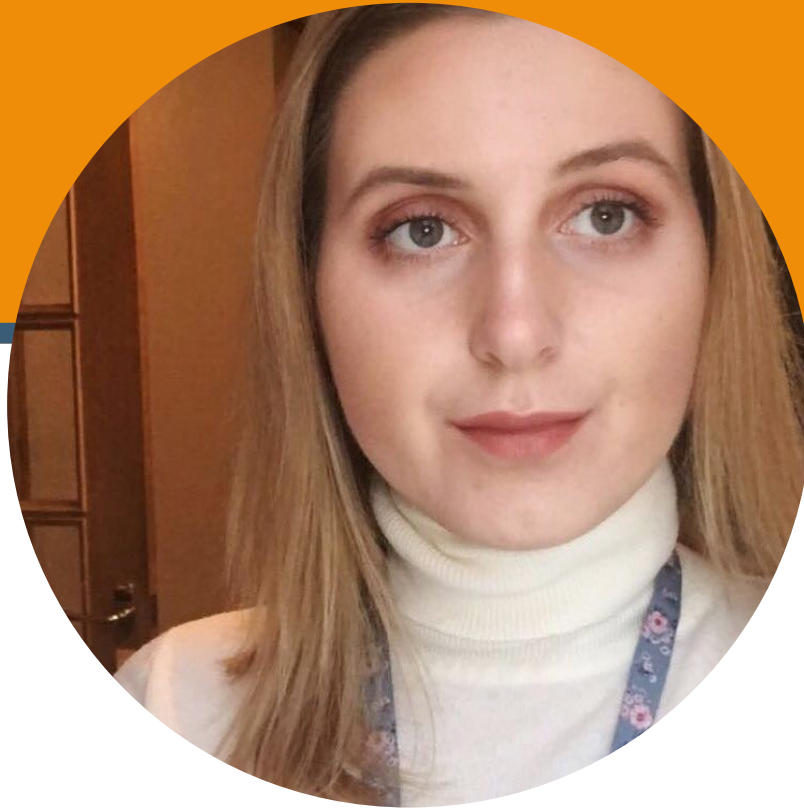
Placement students

In 2018-2019 Disability Wales has hosted several undergraduate and postgraduate students from Welsh universities. We include some feedback from the students below.

Fangfang Yang
MSc Human Resource
Management
Cardiff University

“Whilst at Disability Wales, I conducted research on wellbeing for my dissertation. I was warmly welcomed - they are a really a cheerful and supportive team. I remember the time we shared pizza for lunch and shared our life stories. The team are passionate about their roles and are determined to make a positive difference to the world”.





Josie Powell, MA Social Work
Cardiff University

"My placement at Disability Wales was definitely a great experience for me. I learnt about the social model of disability and the structural barriers that disabled people face. As a social work student, I have a responsibility to educate myself and others about disability rights and advocate for change. I feel that my understanding of this is testament to my growth and development from my placement. I would urge anyone to complete a placement at Disability Wales; it was phenomenal".

Christopher Rhys Thomas
BSc ICT
University of South Wales



"During my placement at Disability Wales I helped to design an online quiz. This work experience will help me towards my future career in website design."



Cunqiang Shi (Felix), PhD Employment Relations,
Cardiff University

"I joined Disability Wales on a GO Wales placement. One of the most exciting experiences I have been involved with was when I was the main organiser for an event to mark the International Day of Disabled People.

Working at Disability Wales has made me aware of the realities of disability issues in the UK and relevant policies in Wales, which is very useful to my PhD research and future career."

Rhys Davies

BA Public Services, University of South Wales

"Working at Disability Wales has offered me a whole new learning experience, while also improving my professional and personal skills.

One highlight for me was when I shadowed a member of staff who was interviewed for the BBC One programme, X-Ray.

I hope that this work placement will help me fulfill my dream ambition of joining the police force.





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