

Nominee's details

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Nomination. Reasons for nomination:

Val is a woman with an ambition. She has dedicated her time and energy, with no reward or payment, for over 12 years since setting up our ADHD Support Group.

She maintains the service will remain as a voluntary, non-fundraising one - totally focussing on helping families with concerns about the neuro-developmental psychiatric condition of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Val is passionate about giving parents/carers accurate information and opportunities to meet each other.

One of her main aims has been to bring about change to mainstream services in line with latest legislation.

Another of her successful campaigns is the training and awareness of professionals working with children with ADHD (through increasing statutory provision)

Val has developed and produced vital pre and post-diagnosis information to guide parents/carers

She has also created regular parent training classes

Val has done an incredible job in putting ADHD at the forefront of Children's Mental Health in the Borough, raising awareness and understanding with the public and professionals alike

Without her interest in promoting ADHD and caring for the welfare of children who have to cope with the condition Richmond Borough residents would not be provided a much-needed service such as this

Val organises monthly talks with experts in the many areas that touch on ADHD e.g. July's two specialists gave presentations on neuro-feedback and nutrition

She also persuaded a parent-member to set up social media in order to spread the message to a wider audience. She reached her goal with www.facebook.com/adhdRichmond now being followed by over 700 avid readers and the Twitter feed @ <https://twitter.com/AdhdRichmond> having over 850 keen followers

Val was not satisfied with just two social media outlets though and wanted a website too. This was designed and built and now provides a valuable resource of information, contacts and events @ www.adhdRichmond.org

Supply the details of anyone who can support your nomination:

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