

Erlas

Erlas Victorian Walled Garden is a charity and Company Limited by Guarantee based in Wrexham and aims to promote and protect the health of people with disabilities by providing meaningful daytime activity, education and work experience in a garden business environment



Erlas Victorian Walled Garden in Wrexham who provide meaningful daytime activities for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues *to take part in meaningful daytime activities which involves gardening, art and crafts and basic skills.*

Results from the report

- **69% of service users indicated changes in their mental health**
- **75% of service users said they felt a big change with this outcome since being at the garden**
- **75% of family members or cares also felt there was quite a lot or a lot of change with the outcome of having opportunities to reach their full potential.**
- **The work of Erlas contributes to ‘a healthier Wales’ objective of the Future Generation Act 2015.**



Next Steps:

It boosts our confidence for the future knowing that our stakeholders believe we are generating such positive social value. Our gardeners group made up of our service users were really pleased to hear about the monetary value of what we do.

Our fundraiser says the social return on investment value has been very useful to use when submitting funding applications. It contributed to the success of our fundraiser's bid for a substantial grant. The commissioners have asked us to use the social value outcomes to measure the impact of their funding. With the grant money we will be able to recruit a Project Development Officer to extend the service we provide to more people with additional learning needs and mental ill health.

Working with Eleri and the team:

“This was a very positive experience. The gardeners really enjoyed the process of the social value project at their different levels of understanding as it made them feel valued and part of the decision making process. The Network meetings were useful and interesting. There was an excellent conference day when commissioners of services discussed their efforts to recognise social value when they commission for new services. Input from Social Value UK was very valuable and last but not least Eleri and Elaine were very knowledgeable and approachable.”

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