



**Disability<sup>®</sup>  
Equality<sup>nw</sup>**

# Lesley Finley Community AWARD 2024



Recognising the positive impact made by disabled people in Lancashire to improve the lives of disabled people and inspiring others to do so.

## **Nomination Form and Criteria**

**“Furthering the human rights of disabled people across the North West”**

# Lesley Finley



Lesley was a good friend and hardworking colleague of Disability Equality NW for over 10 years. Starting as a volunteer, she went on to become a Trustee, Company Secretary, Vice Chair and then Chair of the organisation. Lesley had a passion for supporting and enabling Disability Equality to support local disabled people and where necessary would actively challenge service providers to ensure equality of access for all. Lesley was a quiet person who worked extremely hard, she would do what needed to be done, without making a fuss or telling everyone she'd done it; Lesley never sought gratitude or acknowledgement - she just wanted to make the world a better place for disabled people.

## Disability Equality NW

We are a user led organisation run and controlled by disabled people which works to remove the disabling barriers in society to achieve full and equal human rights for disabled people. We do this through a variety of user led services and projects, and by actively promoting the Social Model of Disability in everything we do, supported by a board of trustees, volunteers and staff.

## Criteria

This award will recognise a disabled person who has made a positive impact on the lives of other disabled people in Lancashire and who meets the following criteria:

- A disabled person living in the North West.
- Has worked hard and gone the extra mile to ensure disabled people live a full and active life.
- Has overcome personal challenges and society's barriers.
- Has supported and promoted the Social Model of Disability

## Selection Panel

The selection panel consists of Disability Equality NW Trustees, Staff and a member of Lesley's family.

## Return of Nomination Form

Nominations will also be accepted in other formats that may be more accessible to you (video, audio, braille)

**Nominations should be returned by 4pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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## NOMINATION FORM

### Contact Details

Please provide us with your contact details so that we can get in touch with you about the nomination you have made.

Title		Address	
First Name			
Last Name			
Contact Phone			
Contact Email		Post Code	

### Nomination

*\*If your nomination is for a person under the age of 18, you must have the express permission of their parent/guardian. By submitting this form, you declare that such permission has been obtained.*

**Tell us who you are nominating for the Award?**

Title		Address	
First Name			
Last Name			
Organisation			
Contact Phone		Post Code	
Contact Email			

Do they consider themselves a disabled person? **YES/NO**

Does the nominee have any specific access needs that you are aware of? **YES/NO**

**DETAILS:**

Does the person you are nominating know about this nomination? **YES/NO**

Can we tell the person that you have nominated them? **YES/NO**

## Contact Details

Use this space to tell us why you are nominating this person. Please refer to the criteria to tell us how they meet them. What's special about what they've done? What makes them stand out? What impact have they made? Up to 2 additional sheets may be added but please attach them to the form.

## Where do I send my nomination?

**By email:** [heather@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:heather@disability-equality.org.uk)

**By post:** Heather Paton, Disability Equality NW, First Floor, Bannister House, 23 Sedgwick Street, Preston PR1 1TP

## What happens next?

The selection panel will consider your nomination. If shortlisted, both you and your nominated person will be invited to our AGM event in Preston, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, where the award winner will be announced.

**\*You and your nominated person will hear from us if shortlisted.**