

Ryan in the Youth Group

I am immensely proud to have witnessed all the group members journey`s while working on the Space Sheep film project with Alchemy, but I think the person who has gained the most from this particular project is Raymond.

Ryan is 16 and joined the Teenage group in September 2019 after being in the children`s group for a few years. He has a moderate learning disability and Cerebral Palsy. Ryan has support at school but likes to be independent and Interest Link is the only social outlet he has. His parents are very happy with the opportunity Interest Link provides to spend time with people of similar age and abilities,

Ryan was a fabulous example to other children in the Children`s Group who are still learning social skills but was of an age where he was ready to move onto an older group. Initially it was difficult for him to be the youngest person again and he took a few months to settle in.

He is talented with computers and technology and has always been the person that people would ask for advice, so he was extremely excited about the Film Making Project and wanted to be very involved in the technical side of things from day one. However plenty of other members were also very excited too to be hands-on with real film equipment. He had to learn to stand back and help others do and achieve rather than just have fun with the equipment himself.

Ryan's parents love coming along to open evenings, are excited to see what he has been up to and keen for him to develop his computer and technical skills. He was recently involved in a Digital Memory Box Video with another service user and was extremely helpful during the creating and producing of this video. He was proud of his achievements and mum and dad were very proud of him too.