



Choices for people with learning disabilities

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The Tamarisk Trusts joins forces with Self Unlimited

The Tamarisk Trust is going to become part of the Self Unlimited Group; Self Unlimited is an established charity that provides services for people with learning disabilities in eight regions across the country.

Increasingly within the voluntary sector, charities are working together to pool their resources to bring maximum benefit to the people for whom they provide services. For organisations with very similar aims, the harsh economic climate and the open competition for both Government funding and charitable donations makes joint working a sensible and cost-effective solution.

Julie Riley, Chief Executive Officer of The Tamarisk Trust, sees the opportunities that joint working will bring. "By working together, the two organisations will be better able to provide an improved range of sustainable services and to reach out to far more people with learning disabilities in London.

"The Tamarisk Trust will retain its distinct local character and will continue to provide services as normal under the current name and charity number, but in future this will be as part of the Self Unlimited Group.

"The Tamarisk Trust will become the operating name of Self Unlimited in London. This is not a cost-cutting exercise, but an arrangement that will improve how we utilise our existing resources and, in due course, support an expansion of our service delivery".

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The Boards of both organisations are working to formalise the governance structures, which it is anticipated will be achieved by the end of November 2009. The day-to-day operations of the new Self Unlimited Group will continue as a seamless transition is made and their operational teams begin to design and deliver services together into the future.

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ADDITIONAL PRESS INFORMATION:

Self Unlimited is the operating name of Cottage and Rural Enterprises, which was established in 1966 to provide services for adults with learning disabilities to enable them to live as fulfilled and independent a life as possible. The Charity now supports hundreds of people with an increasingly wide range of needs. Self Unlimited offers a choice of housing options, tailored support services, occupation and work opportunities, and strives to ensure that people live as active citizens in their own community and take as much control in their lives as possible.

Self Unlimited is all about giving people with learning disabilities increased choice, and is working towards the vision of a world that welcomes inclusion for all.

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