

Supportive Volunteer of the Year: Elaine Valentine



Elaine has been supporting, planning and organising the Multicultural Celebration, an event that took place in September 2023, to promote diversity and inclusion and to share the variety of cultures and heritage which Bassetlaw is made of.

‘Elaine’s commitment and great work ethic has also inspired new volunteers to get involved in planning and running the next event who she then supports to develop their skills.’

‘Diversity and Inclusion is something Elaine is very passionate about and she felt Worksop needed a way to showcase the various rich cultures it has in the community.’

Elaine

- ✓ Has made the event an annual occurrence and has set up a charity the ‘Worksop Multicultural Association’ where she is now the chair of trustees.
- ✓ Has dedicated time to supporting volunteers and the community. Such events enable the diverse communities of Worksop to feel accepted and valued.
- ✓ Has gained a sense of hope and feels joy, as she sees all the volunteers that have taken this project forward and who have developed skills and grown in confidence.