

LILLY REINTEGRATION AWARD RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH

In November this year the Sheltered Work Opportunities Project, Cherry Tree Nursery, was the overall national winner of the Lilly Reintegration Awards "Recognising Outstanding Achievement in Mental Health", for moving volunteers' lives forward.

The award was presented at a ceremony held at Claridge's in London. The judges, some of the leading practitioners in the mental health field, said "We were particularly impressed with the one-stop nature and range of services available, and the community involvement with the project. We felt that the nursery had demonstrated sustainability and growth over 15 years and was by far the best horticultural project they had seen".

They said that mental illness is very often triggered by social alienation and then leads to social exclusion, which is why projects such as ours are so important in enabling re-integration and restoring dignity.

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