

Pure Innovations

Highly Commended - Team of the Year 2026



Pure Innovations' Wellness in Work IPS Team's Story

The Team of the Year Award recognises teams within a training provider that demonstrate outstanding collaboration, innovation and commitment to achieving exceptional results. Our next guest represents Pure Innovations' Wellness in Work IPS Team, who were awarded Highly Commended for their collective impact across Greater Manchester. Through a strong partnership with PossAbilities and The Growth Company, the team supports people with severe mental illness to achieve their employment goals, helping individuals build confidence, improve wellbeing and secure meaningful work. Their person-centred approach and commitment to inclusive employment have made a significant difference to both the people and employers they support, showcasing the power of collaboration in creating positive change.

**What does being
highly commended
mean to the team?**

“Being Highly Commended is a huge achievement for our team and a fantastic recognition of the dedication, passion and hard work they bring every day. The Wellness in Work IPS service supports people with severe mental illness to achieve their employment goals, and our staff consistently go above and beyond to help people believe in themselves and take positive steps towards recovery through work.

This recognition belongs to every member of the team across Greater Manchester, as well as our delivery partners, PossAbilities and The Growth Company. It reflects the strength of our partnership, our shared commitment to high-quality IPS delivery, and the belief that employment should be accessible to everyone, regardless of the challenges they face. Most importantly, it recognises the success of the people we support and the employers who give them opportunities to thrive.”

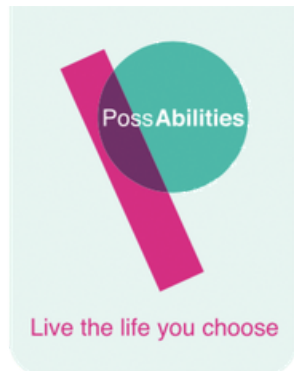


“Our team has helped hundreds of people across Greater Manchester move closer to their employment ambitions and secure meaningful paid work. For many individuals, employment is about far more than a job. It can improve confidence, financial independence, mental wellbeing, social connections and overall quality of life. The IPS model places employment at the heart of recovery, and we have seen first-hand the transformational impact that the right support can have. Every job outcome represents someone overcoming barriers they may once have thought impossible.

For employers, we provide a free, personalised recruitment service that helps them access a diverse and talented workforce. We work closely with employers to understand their needs, identify suitable candidates and provide ongoing support to ensure successful and sustainable employment outcomes. This creates benefits for both individuals and businesses while helping to build more inclusive workplaces across Greater Manchester.”

**What impact has
your team had on
the learners and
employers you
support?**

What makes your approach unique?



"What makes our approach unique is the combination of high-fidelity IPS practice, strong clinical integration, and a genuinely person-centred culture.

Our Employment Specialists are embedded within Community Mental Health Teams and work alongside clinicians, ensuring employment is considered as an important part of recovery from day one.

We also operate as a true partnership across Greater Manchester, bringing together the strengths of Pure Innovations, PossAbilities and The Growth Company to deliver a consistent, high-quality service across all ten boroughs. This collaborative approach enables us to share best practice, learn from one another and continuously improve.

Above all, our team starts from a position of belief. We focus on people's strengths, aspirations, and potential rather than their limitations. We know that good work can be life-changing, and we are committed to helping every individual find the right job, at the right time, with the right support to succeed."

