

North Staffs Mind nominated for Befriending Award



(From left to right, Sue Bradley - Mentoring & Befriending Foundation, Karen Wilson - Chief executive NSM, Garry Dutton Volunteer NSM, Jo Robinson - Befriending and Mentoring worker NSM)

Supporting Life's Journeys is a UK wide movement bringing together thousands of people who support mentoring and befriending up and down the nation. We were contacted in October 2010 informing us of the campaign and that there was the opportunity to nominate our project for an award.

Jo Robinson, who co-ordinates the Befriending/Mentoring Service, entered the project into the Befriending Category and a few weeks later we had a phone call to say that our project had been short-listed for the recognition award of Befriending Project in the Midlands!

Jo, together with our Chief Executive Karen Wilson and Gary Dutton, who is one of our volunteers for the Befriending/Mentoring Service, attended the awards ceremony in Birmingham on 16th November 2010. Unfortunately we did not win the Befriending category but we were informed that over 300 nominations had been received for the awards so it was quite an achievement for us to be shortlisted with the four other nominees in our category.

The ceremony was also an overall recognition that Befriending and Mentoring can make such a dramatic change to peoples' lives and how proud we are in being able to offer such a service.

If you want to find out more information about Supporting Life's Journeys then their website is www.supportinglifesjourneys.org