

Who Cares

A question we are frequently asked at Carers Outreach is, “Is there a card that gives unpaid carers free access to venues and tourist attractions?” Unfortunately, there is not a generic card available. However, it is always worthwhile to contact any venue you are planning on visiting as many organisations run their own schemes for guests who have disabilities or their carers. For example:

The CEA card (Cinema Exhibitor’s Card) is a card scheme that allows disabled people a complimentary free ticket for someone to accompany them to the cinema. Cineworld in Llandudno Junction is a participator in this scheme. Visit www.ceacard.co.uk for more information.

The Hynt Access Card scheme provides access to theatres and art centres across Wales and allows carers or companions a free ticket when accompanying someone with a disability. Venue Cymru is part of this scheme; more information can be found online at www.hynt.co.uk.

The National Trust has an ‘Access for All Admit One card’ which also allows people to bring a carer or companion for free; more information can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk.

The Welsh Mountain Zoo in Colwyn Bay offers free admission to wheelchair users whilst their carers have to pay. However, in Chester Zoo carers have free admission when accompanying someone with a disability.

As you can see, the eligibility criterion varies from venue to venue; another point to note is that some of the concession cards must be applied for in advance of your visit. Contact individual venues for more information.

For more information about the above, or if you have any other queries related to being an unpaid carer, contact Carers Outreach Service. We have a local office in Colwyn Bay, telephone number: 01492 533714 or you can email us at help@carersoutreach.org.uk.

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