

Ross Smith **Workshop Presenter** **South East**

Ross lives in Hampshire and likes to make the most of the beautiful countryside frequently going on long walks.



What makes Ross different?

Ross has had cerebral palsy since birth; it's a condition affecting the ability to control muscles. He is unable to walk and uses a powered wheelchair to get around. Ross lives independently and employs a full time support assistant to help him with his everyday needs.

Other than that, he does what everyone else does.

Work experience

- Freelance facilitator for a number of organisations within the voluntary sector.
- Trained as an Advocate to help support and assist clients to achieve their agreed outcomes
- Worked on a training DVD closely with the Association Of Train Operating Companies
- Worked on a number of training initiatives with South West Trains.
- Worked with the BBC on a number of programmes ranging from the BBC 1 politics show and more recently a programme featuring the work of the Department for Work and Pensions 'On the Fiddle?'
- Worked with South Central Connexions supporting young people on a number of projects
- Most recently worked with Treloar College near Alton delivering a training package for the College Student Council.

Interests

Ross enjoys countryside pursuits, which include dog walking, and horse trials as well as sailing. When not out and about locally, Ross enjoys travelling to different countries and experiencing different cultures. He is actively involved with his local church.

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