## Laura.....I love me for me! My hair does not define me , if anything it has really opened up my eyes to the world around me!

I lost my hair and body hair to alopecia universalis 11 years ago this September, I will never forget the day I visited my local doctor and showed him my hair thinning every time after I would wash and brush it , only to be told "Laura you have alopecia universalis you will lose every inch of hair on your body "! I didn't know what to say?! So I cried and cried and couldn't stop until my family doctor gave me a hug and said it's going to be ok"!



That night I went home to my husband and had to tell him his wife was going bald, so much running

through my head, our daughter was only 13 months at the time (now almost 12 year old), we had just brought our first home and I was applying for work after having our daughter, and got the job at best and less and couldn't take it as how was I supposed to face the world looking like this!!!!

I remember after a long conversations and lots of hugs with my husband , we were laying in bed that night and I still remember him saying "it's ok Laura we will just slap a wig on your

head " so funny , at that moment I realised my husband loves me for who I am , not my hair so I should be doing the same!

11 years on I have 3 beautiful daughters who don't mind telling their friends "why their mum has no hair?!" They simply just say "oh she just has alopecia, not sick "! I go to work with only a hat on and work with customers face to face and get to tell my story numerous times a week to my curious customers haha!

I love knee boarding behind our boat of course with no hat. I have been told once or twice "Laura you look like a 14 year little boy skiing behind that boat "hahaha! I love me for me! My hair does not define me, if anything it has really opened up my eyes to the world around me! Thankyou for listening to my journey with alopecia !





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