

Resources

Website links

Scotland

Key Housing

<http://www.keyhousing.org/html/about.asp>

Key was set up in 1977 by a small group of parents who were concerned by the lack of good quality supported accommodation, and is committed to developing alternatives to institutional care for people with learning disabilities.

Turning Point: Scotland

<http://www.turningpointscotland.com>

Turning Point: Scotland manages several services for adults with learning disabilities. All services are tailored around individuals. TPS learning disability services include day support services, social enterprise projects and supported accommodation

Camphill Scotland

<http://www.camphillscotland.org.uk>

Camphill Scotland's principal role is to work with people who have special needs. This work is not a 'job' in the usual sense of the word, but a way of life.

Enable: Scotland

<http://www.enable.org.uk>

ENABLE is the largest membership organisation in Scotland for people with learning disabilities and family carers. It was formed in 1954 by a small group of parents, because many families with a child with learning disabilities felt alone and isolated. They wanted better services for their sons and daughters and better support for parents.

Capability Scotland

<http://www.capability-scotland.org.uk>

This is Scotland's largest disability organisation, providing a broad range of services to adults and children with disabilities.

Down's Syndrome Scotland

<http://www.dsscotland.org.uk>

Down's Syndrome Scotland, formerly the Scottish Down's Syndrome Association, is a membership organisation which works to improve the quality of life for everyone with Down's Syndrome in Scotland. Its membership includes individuals who have Down's Syndrome, parents, and professionals.

Scottish Executive (learning disabilities)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/ldsr>

This is the Scottish Executive web section for the National Review of Services for People with a Learning Disability. There is a heavy emphasis on delivering person-centred services; the aim is to develop a framework for better social and health care services for people with learning disabilities. This review was the first in-depth analysis of services for people with learning disabilities in Scotland for over 20 years. Statutory agencies, service users, their carers and people who deliver the services were involved in the review.

Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability

<http://www.sclld.org.uk>

SCLD is made up of 13 partner organisations that have joined together, with funding from the Scottish Executive, to become the Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability.

Sense Scotland

<http://www.sensescotland.org.uk/>

Sense Scotland is a leader in the field of communication and innovative support services for people who are marginalised because of challenging behaviour, health care issues and the complexity of their support needs.

Momentum Scotland

<http://www.momentumscotland.org>

Momentum works in partnership throughout Scotland to enable and empower disabled and excluded people, in order for them to identify and achieve their goals. Their support allows people to remain active citizens within their own

communities, through the provision of mainstream employment and personal support services.

Other UK addresses

British Institute for Learning Disabilities

<http://www.bild.org.uk>

BILD is the British Institute of Learning Disabilities, a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, which exists to improve the quality of life of all people with a learning disability. BILD provides information, publications and training and consultancy services for organisations and individuals.

The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk>

Claims to be the biggest and most comprehensive website on learning disabilities in the UK.

Special Olympics UK

http://www.specialolympicsgb.org/what_disability.htm

The only world-wide sports movement for people with learning disabilities.

Contact a Family

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk>

Contact a Family is the only UK charity providing support and advice to parents, irrespective of their child's medical condition.

Scottish Society for Autism

<http://www.autism-in-Scotland.org.uk>

Provider of services for people with autistic spectrum disorder in Scotland. They deliver a range of expertise in care, support and education for people with autism, their families and carers.

National Electronic Library for Learning Disability

<http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities/>

There are a number of pages on this website that are worth reading for those new to field of learning disabilities.

Mencap

<http://www.mencap.org.uk>

Mencap is one of the UK's best known learning disability charities, working with people with a learning disability, their families and carers. Its sister organisation in Scotland is known as Enable.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

<http://www.jrf.org.uk>

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is one of the largest independent social policy research and development charities in the UK. It supports a wide programme of research and development projects in housing, social care and social policy.

Values into Action

<http://www.viauk.org/>

A group that campaigns for the rights of people with learning disabilities.

Norah Fry Research Centre

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/NorahFry>

The Noah Fry Centre was established in 1988 as part of the University of Bristol's department of Mental Health. Its principal interest is the evaluation and development of services for people with learning difficulties.

Rescare

<http://www.rescare.com/web/index.asp>

Rescare delivers services to persons with disabilities, youth with special needs and adults with barriers to employment. The phrase *Building Lives, Reaching Potential* is their encapsulating vision of the wide variety of ways in which they help.

Leonard Cheshire

<http://www.leonard-cheshire.org>

Leonard Cheshire is a leading provider of services for disabled people in the UK and operates in over 57 countries across the world.

Home Farm Trust

<http://www.hft.org.uk/>

HFT is a national charity for people with learning disabilities. It provides a range of services including supported living, registered care homes, advocacy, supported employment, short-term breaks (respite) and day services. It also provides a support service for carers of people with learning disabilities.

The Tizard Centre

<http://www.ukc.ac.uk/tizard/>

The Tizard Centre seeks to provide teaching through short courses at the University of Kent and elsewhere. They have an extensive programme of research and consultancy, both nationally and internationally.

International

Ireland

The National Association for the Mentally Handicapped of Ireland

www.iol.ie/frontline/NAMHI.HTM

The National Association for the Mentally Handicapped of Ireland, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Ireland. Tel: 01-6766035, Fax: 01-6760517. A national voluntary association working to improve the welfare of Irish people with mental handicap.

Canada

Developmental Disabilities Centre

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~jpdasddc/INDEX.html>

The JP Das Developmental Disabilities Centre was established in autumn 1967, with a grant given to the University of Alberta by the Canadian Association for Mental Retardation; whereupon it was named the Centre for the Study of Mental Retardation. Since 1987, it has been called the Developmental Disabilities Centre. Its current activities include: research, student training, publication, selected clinical services for children and adults with mental retardation and other disorders that affect learning and originate in the childhood.

Australia

Australian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/departments/ps/assid/ASSID%20welcome%20page.htm>

This association seeks to enhance the skills, knowledge and commitment of its members, to facilitate a supportive network in order to enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual or developmental disability.

America

AAMR

www.aamr.org/

AAMR promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual disabilities.

General

Inclusion International

<http://daniel.waldschmidt.free.fr/euie.htm>

Inclusion International - formerly the International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap (ILSMH). Inclusion International works for the world's 50 million people with a mental handicap, their families and those who share their lives. It was founded in 1960 by representatives of societies of parents of those with a mental handicap, their friends and professionals working in the field. It now represents 173 member organisations in 109 countries on all five continents. Inclusion International's aim is to defend the rights and interests of people with a mental handicap.

International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities

www.lassid.org/

The International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities is an international and interdisciplinary scientific organization that promotes worldwide research and exchange of information on intellectual disabilities.

L'Arche UK

<http://www.larche.org.uk>

L'Arche is an international federation of communities for people with learning disabilities and assistants. We have eight communities in England, Scotland and Wales. They provide real homes in ordinary houses to over 100 people with learning disabilities and a similar number of assistants.

