

Supporting people to live the best life possible



We are a national charity founded in 1962 by a group of families who had a vision for creating a better life for their relatives with learning disabilities. We pioneered the idea that everyone has the right to choices about how they live and how they are supported, to enable them to lead the best life possible. Today, we are trusted to support more than 2,500 people across England and Wales, from living independently in their own home, to day opportunities and from a few hours a week right up to 24 hours a day.

Giving people choices

Everyone has the right to have choices about their lives and people with learning disabilities are no exception. We don't believe in a life free of trouble and challenge, because real life isn't like that. But we do believe that in a society based on equality, fairness and decency, we all have the right to the best life possible.

Our Fusion Model of Support

People with learning disabilities face obstacles that are hard to imagine. We use our skills, experience and creative ideas to help people to overcome them. Our Fusion Model of Support is key in this – it's how we ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone we support, challenging us to provide consistent, high quality services.



Living as independently as possible

We support people in all areas of their life: developing practical skills, connecting them to their community, helping them to get a job and introducing them to technology that can help them to live as independently as possible.



Making a difference

The challenges people with learning disabilities face are complex and lifelong. We can't make them go away. But we can offer people the kind of help, support and encouragement that gives them a chance to find more enjoyment and satisfaction in life. We do this by listening to people, working hard to understand their needs and then providing the kind of personalised services that make a real difference.

Focusing on specific needs

We focus on the specific needs of the individual, being creative about the kind of personal care and support we offer. Our support can range from family advocacy, to finding someone a job, from helping them make friends, to adapting their home so someone can enjoy new levels of comfort or independence. We adapt and change with the needs of the individual and often support people throughout their lifetime.

Providing those little extras

Local authority social care budgets have historically funded our services. But ongoing cuts have placed mounting pressure on local authorities and providers. Today, it's common to find that local authority budgets will cover only the basics, or funding for only those with the most complex needs. We don't feel that is enough.

So we also raise money for things that are no longer funded to make sure people can live the best life possible.



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