

Organisations supporting specific needs

Action for Sick Children

Action for Sick Children is the UK's healthcare charity, specially formed to ensure that sick children always receive the highest standard of care possible.

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

Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss is the Royal national charity helping people confronting deafness, tinnitus and hearing loss to live the life they choose. Action on Hearing Loss enables them to take control of their lives and remove the barriers in their way, giving people support and care, developing technology and treatments, and campaigning for equality.

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

Ace Centre

We're experts in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Assistive Technology (AT), with core specialist services that include assessments, training and resources

<http://acecentre.org.uk/>

ADDiSS: The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service

ADDiSS provide people-friendly information and resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance - parents, sufferers, teachers or health professionals.

<http://www.addiss.co.uk/>

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)

The Advisory Centre for Education is an independent centre for parents, offering information about state education in England and Wales for 5 – 16 year olds.

<http://www.ace-ed.org.uk/>

AFASIC

Afasic promotes understanding, acceptance, equal opportunities and the inclusion into society of children and young adults with speech and language impairments.

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

Autism Education Trust

The Autism Education Trust is dedicated to coordinating, supporting and promoting effective education practice for all children and young people on the autism spectrum

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

Barnardo's

Barnardo's vision is that the lives of all children and young people should be free from poverty, abuse and discrimination. They believe in the abused, the vulnerable, the forgotten and the neglected.

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

BDA: The British Dyslexia Association

The BDA is the voice of dyslexic people. They aim to influence government and other institutions to promote a dyslexia friendly society. The BDA promotes early identification and support in schools to ensure opportunity to learn for dyslexic learners and represents the needs of dyslexic people on leaving school, in higher education and in work.

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

Communication Matters

Communication Matters works across the UK to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.

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

Communication Trust

The Communication Trust is a coalition of over 50 not-for-profit organisations. Working together we support everyone who works with children and young people in England to support their speech, language and communication

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/>

Contact

Contact is a national charity for families with disabled children. They provide information, advice and support. They bring families together so they can support each other. They campaign to improve their circumstances, and for their right to be included and equal in society.

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

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The only UK-wide charity making a daily difference to the lives of people with cystic fibrosis, and those who care for them.

<http://cysticfibrosis.org.uk/>

Down's Syndrome Association

Down's Syndrome Association are the only organisation in this country focusing solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's syndrome. Since 1970 they have grown from being a local parent support group to a national charity with over 20,000 members.

<http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/>

Down Syndrome Educational Trust

DSE works to improve early intervention and education for children with Down syndrome everywhere. We support scientific research and provide evidence-based resources and services to help over 100,000 parents and professionals in over 170 countries each year.

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

Dyslexia SpLD Trust

The Dyslexia-SpLD-Trust, or the Trust, is a collaboration of voluntary and community organisations with funding from the Department for Education to provide reliable information to parents, teachers, schools and the wider sector. It acts as the important communication channel between government, leading dyslexia organisations, parents, schools, colleges, teachers and the sector.

<http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/>

Dyspraxia Foundation

The Dyspraxia foundation promotes awareness and understanding of Dyspraxia, supports individuals and families affected by it, promotes better diagnostic and treatment facilities and helps professionals in health and education gain knowledge and understanding of Dyspraxia.

http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/info/about_us.php

Fragile X Society

The Fragile X Society are a UK registered charity providing support, information and friendship to families whose children and relatives have fragile X syndrome. They also help the many professionals who are working and caring for children and adults affected by Fragile X.

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

I CAN

I CAN is the children's communication charity. They work to foster the development of speech, language and communication skills in all children with a special focus on those who find this hard: children with a communication disability.

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

KIDS

KIDS run vital, life changing services to disabled children and young people, aged 0-25 years, along with their families.

Their purpose is to enable children and young people with special education needs and disabilities to enjoy their lives and achieve their ambitions, whilst providing support and guidance to their families.

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

MENCAP

Mencap is the voice of learning disability. Everything they do is about valuing and supporting people with a learning disability and their families and carers.

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

National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK (NOFAS-UK)

NOFAS-UK is dedicated to supporting people affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and their families and communities. It promotes education for professionals and public awareness about the risks of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. NOFAS-UK is a source for information on FASD to the general public, press and to medical professionals.

<http://www.nofas-uk.org/>

National Autistic Society (NAS)

NAS is the leading UK charity for people on the autism spectrum (including Asperger syndrome) and their families. We provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for people with autism

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)

The NDCS is the national charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people.

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

Professional Association for Teachers Of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties (PATOSS)

Patoss, the Professional Association for Teachers and Assessors of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2012. We offer our members a range of services to help them in their day-to-day work as well as representing the interests of teachers and students in matters that affect individuals with SpLD

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/>

RNIB

RNIB is the UK's leading charity helping people with sight problems. It is also Europe's largest producer of Braille documents.

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

SCOPE

Scope is a national disability organisation in England and Wales whose focus is people with cerebral palsy. Scope's aim is that disabled people achieve equality in society in which they are valued and have the same human and civil rights as everyone else.

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

SENSE

Sense is the leading national charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deafblind. We provide expert advice and information as well as specialist services to deafblind people, their families, carers and the professionals who work with them. We also support people who have sensory impairments with additional disabilities.

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

SEBDA: The Social, Emotional and Behaviour Difficulties Association

For over fifty years, this multi-professional Association has represented the 'behaviour', disaffection and mental health difficulties field at regional and national level, contributing to government consultations and to research initiatives.

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

Tourettes Action

Tourettes Action works in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and is the leading support and research charity for people with Tourette Syndrome and their families

<https://www.tourettes-action.org.uk/>

Young Epilepsy

Young Epilepsy is the national charity working exclusively on behalf of the 112,000 children and young people aged 25 and under with epilepsy and associated conditions.

They exist to improve the lives of children and young people with the condition to enable them to fulfil their potential and ensure they have the best quality of life.

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

Young Minds

Young Minds promotes the mental health and emotional well-being of children and young people across the UK.

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