



OUR VISION AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our **vision** is of a world where no mind is left behind and where every person with learning difficulties receives the recognition and support they need to achieve their potential

Strategic priorities

- Empowering families
- Leading Research
- Developing Knowledge and Awareness
- Collaborating & Influencing

STATISTICS

Total enquiries increased from 2017

Professional enquiries increased from 2017

Our booklets distributed across Scotland

Average number of family focussed meetings attended per month

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12%

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34%

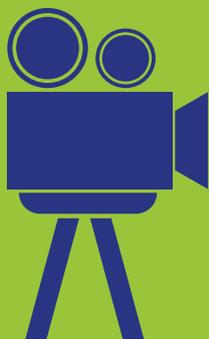
16,500

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ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

5 is the magic number!

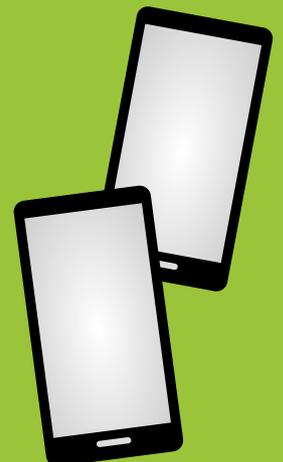
We made 5 short films about 5 young people with different learning difficulties.



• We expanded our service to work directly with children and young people

- Our children and young people specialist works 1:1 with children and young people who need tailored support or advocacy
- We embarked on our supported work placement pilot programme, offering 10 young people with learning difficulties a meaningful work experience

We launched our first mobile APP!



Our Family and Engagement Lead began to build a programme of outreach to extend our work with families and professionals



We sponsored the Skills and Learning Award at the glamorous SCLD annual awards



Our founder, Sophie Dow, had her book published in Sweden, to acclaim – *When life doesn't follow the script*



Several fit and active families helped us to raise funds through taking part in the Kiltwalk



IMPACT: QUOTES

“Thanks, lots of interesting info to help. Looking forward to working with you in the future. Glad our parent found you!”

Head teacher, mainstream primary school, Aberdeenshire.

“I can't thank you enough. The help and support you have given us really is amazing.”

Parent of a child with Autism

“The films were just brilliant, an excellent mechanism to illustrate the challenges children and young people face. Lots of tips for colleagues to take back to schools.”

Scottish Council of Independent Schools

IMPACT: LIFE-CHANGING OUTCOMES

We worked in 31 of 32 Local Authority areas and here are a few of the outcomes we have achieved this year:

Successfully supported young people in child planning meetings

Assisted families in making placement requests

Ensured young people are not excluded from school trips

Supported several young people to get back into school

In partnership with the University of Edinburgh and the James Lind Alliance we identified the top 10 research priorities for learning difficulties