

About Capability Scotland

Capability Scotland campaigns with, and provides education, employment and care services for, disabled children and adults across Scotland.

We work with disabled people, their families and carers to provide a mix of services that meet their aspirations at all stages of their lives.

We are also a campaigning organisation, committed to using our strong influence to ensure disabled people achieve the same human and civil rights as the rest of society.

Our Vision and Mission

Our Vision is that we will be a major ally in supporting disabled people to achieve full equality and to have choice and control of their lives by 2020.

Our Mission is to transform people's expectations of what is possible and ensure that disabled people achieve equality.

Our history

In 1946 a group of committed parents and professionals formed the Scottish Council for the Care of Spastics, as it was then known. Their aim was to support children with Cerebral Palsy.

The first school opened at what is now the charity's Head Office in Edinburgh 1948. In the early 1960s the organisation started a number of supported employment initiatives, and in 1973 the first adult residential home was developed.

In 1996 the organisation was renamed Capability Scotland. A free advice line was launched for those affected by disability and campaigning started in earnest for better rights for disabled people.



Facts and figures

- We run 40 services which directly support around 1,000 disabled people from 29 of the 32 Scottish local authorities
- Our children's services include specialist pre-school childcare, education via two independent schools and bespoke playschemes
- Our adult services include community based support, day activities, residential living and respite, and employment services
- We employ over 1,000 staff
- Many people volunteer their time, views and opinions, to help Capability Scotland in its work
- We were the first organisation of our type in Scotland to be awarded the ISO 9001 quality standard
- We rely on the generosity of our many supporters and donors to deliver our essential services