

# Learning Disability Week

Looking back, thinking forward

15th - 21st May 2017



**Get  
Involved!**

This year, Scotland's national Learning Disability Week will be held from:

**Monday 15th - Sunday 21st May 2017**

The theme for the week is:

**Looking back, thinking forward:  
Learning disability in Scotland's past, present and future**

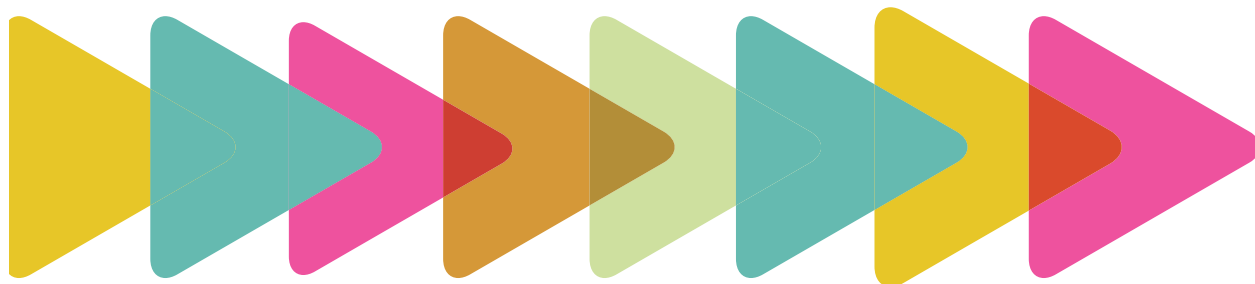
We want to take this opportunity to reflect on how the lives of people with learning disabilities in Scotland have changed since the launch of Scotland's first learning disability strategy in 2001. We want to learn lessons from the past, and think about how we can work towards building a better future.

We want people, communities and organisations across the country to take time to reflect on their own histories, and to share their story. By bringing these stories to the attention of a wider audience, we aim to raise awareness of the issues faced by people with learning disabilities in Scotland's past and present.

This quick guide will give you some helpful tips about how you can get involved with Learning Disability Week.

We're keen to share information about everything that's happening across the country, so once you've decided how you're going to celebrate, remember to get in touch!

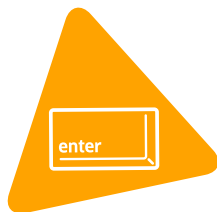
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## Why does Learning Disability Week matter?

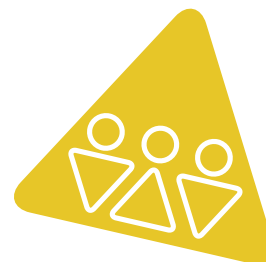
Up to **175,000** adults in Scotland have a learning disability (that's enough people to fill 3 football stadiums).

Only **7%** of adults with learning disabilities are in employment



**Half** of school leavers with learning disabilities do not enter employment

**40-60%** of children born to parents with learning disabilities do not grow up in the family home



Of 22,600 adults with learning disabilities known to local authorities, **one third** lived with a family carer



## Local Landmarks - Have fun!

Help us to get Learning Disability Week on the map. We want to share photos of people from across the country at local landmarks. Wave your flags and banners and let people know that their local area is taking part! Send us your photos and we'll put them on the SCLD website. Email [admin@sclcd.co.uk](mailto:admin@sclcd.co.uk)



## Get involved on social media

Do you have a Facebook or Twitter account? If so, you can share your Learning Disability Week related posts and photos with SCLD by using **#LDWeek2017** in your tweets.

Or, on Facebook, by tagging the [@Scottish Commission for Learning Disability](#) page in your Facebook posts.

If you are running an event or organising an activity related to Scotland's learning disability strategy, The keys to life, you can target tweets to [@TheKeystoLife\\_](#)

If you aren't organising anything yourself, but would still like to see updates on what's happening across the country, visit us on:

[Facebook.com/ScotCommission](https://Facebook.com/ScotCommission)

[Twitter.com/SCLDNews](https://Twitter.com/SCLDNews)

[Flickr.com/photos/sclcdnews](https://Flickr.com/photos/sclcdnews)

[Vimeo.com/sclcdnews](https://Vimeo.com/sclcdnews)

We'll be checking these accounts regularly and will happily share your posts!



## Holding an event or meeting?

Getting people together is a great way of sharing information, learning new things and finding out what matters most to people.

If you decide to run an event for Learning Disability Week, you could use the theme of 'Looking back, thinking forward' to:

**Raise awareness about a local project with an interesting history**

**Highlight the achievements of someone in your community who deserves recognition**

**Share information about how things in your community have improved over the years**

**Do something fun, socialise, and make new connections with people in your area who want to make the future brighter for people with learning disabilities**

Once you've planned your event, send the following to [Admin@scld.co.uk](mailto:Admin@scld.co.uk) and we'll promote it on the [keystolife.info](http://keystolife.info) website:

- Event title
- Event date
- Event times
- Venue
- An overview of what people can expect on the day
- Contact details for people who would like to ask a question, or book a place at your event



## Promotional Items

SCLD can provide a limited number of 'Get Involved' packs, which contain promotional items to support your plans for Learning Disability Week. Each pack contains stickers, badges, posters and flags, all branded with the 'Looking back, thinking forward' design.

To order your pack, email [Admin@sclد.co.uk](mailto:Admin@sclد.co.uk) by **Friday 5th May** with the following information:

**Your name**

**Your organisation**

**Your address**

**Your contact email address**

**A brief overview of your plans for Learning Disability Week**



## Learning Disability Statistics

SCLD is able to send you information about the population of people with learning disabilities in your local authority area. You can also view national learning disability statistics at the end of this guide.

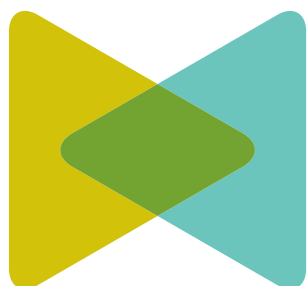
This information is available for the years 2008-2015.

Information is categorised by:

- Population**
- Gender breakdown**
- Age breakdown**
- Day Centre opportunities**
- Employment**

To request a report on your area, please contact  
**[chris.m@sclld.co.uk](mailto:chris.m@sclld.co.uk)**

This information might help you decide on the target audience for an event, or help you to decide which issues are of the most relevance to the population in your area.



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