



Merton Mencap

Supporting people with a learning disability and their family carers in the London Borough of Merton





People with a learning disability find it harder to learn, communicate and understand.

A learning disability is lifelong. People with a learning disability are among the most isolated groups in our society and often face discrimination in areas of healthcare, education, training, employment, housing and accessing community services.

Merton Mencap is here to support people with a learning disability, and their family carers, to help break down the barriers they face.

We are a local, registered charity supporting local people. We run a variety of projects and services for children, young people and adults with a learning disability and their family carers.

We also work to increase awareness and understanding of learning disability in the local community.

Our projects and services for people with a learning disability provide the personalised support people need to benefit from opportunities which others take for granted. Our aim is to give people the chance to be more independent, participate in the community and have more control over their lives.

Our projects also provide breaks for carers, helping them have a life outside caring. We also support carers in their caring role, helping build their resilience and lessening their isolation.

We work in partnership with the local authority and the local health service and with other voluntary groups to make sure the voice of learning disability is heard and services are improved.



We are committed to improving the lives of people with a learning disability and their family carers.

But our work can only carry on if we continue to receive funds.



We are affiliated to the national charity Mencap, but we are not funded by them. We have to raise all our funds, which come from a variety of sources, including commissioned services and grants, donations and our own fundraising activities.

If you would like to help us to continue to support people with a learning disability and their family carers, please consider:

- **making a donation**
- **leaving a gift to us in your will**
- **joining us as a volunteer, trustee or fundraiser.**

We also seek grants from charitable trusts and foundations and welcome the opportunity to apply for funding.

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