

Charitable Partnership Information



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Charity Overview

Charity History

- Leeds Mencap was formed over **70 years ago** by group of parents of children with learning disabilities
- We successfully fundraised to build The Vinery Centre, moving from **Londesboro Terrace** in 2016
- We previously owned a residential house for adults with learning disabilities – **The Rookery**

We continue to support children & young people with learning disabilities, autism & other complex needs and their families across Leeds



KEY POINT!

Leeds Mencap is an independent charity, affiliated to national Mencap. We receive NO funding from them

Vision, Mission, Values

Vision:

Children and young people with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs reach their full potential in the communities we serve, where every individual is valued, supported, and equipped to thrive

Values:

Belonging



Inclusive



Empowering



Mission:

- We offer compassionate, tailored support to children and young people in Leeds who have learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs and their families and carers
- We provide social, educational and practical opportunities through our Nursery, Centre and Family Services
- We support people to develop their strengths, build lasting connections, and achieve their full potential



Leeds Mencap Services: Time2BeMe



Clubs:

We offer weekly, term-time evening clubs:

- **Youth Clubs** - for 9-13 & 14-18
- **Friday Club** - social club for 18-25
- **SuperSibs Club** - for 8-16s with a sibling with a disability or additional need

Aims

- Improved mental health & wellbeing
- Reduced social isolation
- Improved voice & influence



"Sibs gave her a break from her brother and some much needed space to be just her and not feel like she has to be a second parent."



114 children attended clubs in 2024/5

Holiday Playschemes:

For 5-8s, 9-12s, 13-18s with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs

Aims

- Develop confidence & independence
- Have fun & spend time with peers in a safe environment
- Access activities they might not otherwise experience
- Provide respite for parents & carers

"It gave me and his twin brother some 1-1 time together which was amazing. H enjoys coming to playscheme a lot and it gives him a bit of independence doing it without his twin."



207 children attended holiday playschemes in 2024/5



Leeds Mencap Services



There4Me Family Support Service:

Designed to provide parents/carers with the skills, tools & confidence to navigate the SEND world through:

- **EnableMe** - tailored information, advice & support for individual parents
- **MeetMe** - peer networking opportunities for parents including 'Chats & Tots' stay & play
- **ShowMe** - digital information & advice & our SEND Toy Library
- **TeachMe** - a range of workshops & training

"I've met the most wonderful people who have accepted me and my son with open arms. I've found a community where I used to feel alone."

Aims

- Improved knowledge, skills and confidence in caring for their child
- Improved understanding of where & how to seek help & information
- Improved emotional wellbeing
- Reduced feelings of isolation
- Improve parent's empowerment and support development of skills & confidence to make positive changes



338 families supported in 2024-25



165 families accessed 1:1 support in 2024/5

Jimbo's Community Nursery with Hawthorn Specialist Playroom:

"The staff at Jimbo's are fantastic I cannot fault one member of staff, they are like a big family and treat E like one of their own children."

Offers high quality care & early education for children aged 2-5

- Ofsted rated outstanding (March 24)
- Specialist playroom for 2-4s with SEND
- Healthy Holidays provider
- After school and holiday club



293 children supported across 4 playrooms in 2024-25



322 children attended after school & holiday clubs in 2024-5

How to Support Us:

Leeds Mencap is an independent charity, affiliated with the national Mencap charity, but receiving no funding from them. **This means every pound you donate goes directly to us to support children and young people in Leeds with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs and their families.**

Do you want to help deliver real change to children and young people with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs and their families?

**Did you know...
We support children & young people in every area of Leeds!**



Here are some ideas!

- Nominate Leeds Mencap to be your Charity of the Year
- Support or sponsor one of our events
- Organise your own fundraising or challenge event
- Volunteer your time or expertise



Our Steps to Support!

Take a step to support Leeds Mencap!

£1,000

Will pay for weekly Chats & Tots stay & play sessions for a term

£2,000

Will pay for 40 hours of 1:1 Family Support worker support

£5,000

Will pay for SuperSibs to run for a term

£10,000

Will pay for Friday Club to run for 2 terms

Help make a difference!



What steps will you take?!

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