

Scope

Description

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1952 – the charity is founded

Scope is founded (as the National Spastics Society) by 3 parents of disabled children (Ian Dawson-Shepherd, Eric Hodgson and Alex Moira) and a social worker (Jean Garwood). They want disabled children to have equal access to education.

1957 – employment support

Our first employment officer, Bill Hargreaves, supports hundreds of disabled people to find their first jobs. We're still supporting disabled people today to get into and stay in work with our ground-breaking services like Support to Work, Kickstart and Starting Line.

1970 – our first charity shop

We open our first charity shop in Sevenoaks, Kent. There are now more than 240 shops nationwide which raise money for our work and provide volunteering opportunities for over 4000 people.

1990 – helpline launches

TV personality and celebrity agony aunt Clare Rayner launches our telephone helpline, to provide free information and support to disabled people and their families. The helpline is still going today and supports over 22,000 people a year.

1994 – name change

We change our name to Scope. Ben Elton presented William Hague, Minister for Disabled People, with a flag signed by 40 celebrities and 12,000 signatures endorsing equal rights for disabled people.

2016 – End the Awkward

Two thirds of non-disabled people admit to feeling awkward around disability. We launch our End the Awkward campaign to change this, tackling it head on with some good old-fashioned British humour. Our research suggests we succeed in changing the perceptions of 88% of people who see our campaign.

2017 – Everyday Equality

Everyday Equality, our ambitious 5-year strategy, sets out how we will work to drive social change so that disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else.

2017 – Work With Me

We work with Virgin Media to launch our Work With Me campaign, to raise awareness of and tackle the barriers disabled people face getting into and staying in work.

2018 - Scope = Equality for disabled people

Scope rebrands to make it clearer why we exist and what we want to achieve for and with disabled people and their families.

Related content

Vision, mission and values

Who we are and why we exist.

Everyday Equality

Scope's strategy to drive social change for disabled people in the UK.

Additional Information

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Navigate

www.scope.org.uk/navigate

Navigate provides support at the start of your journey as a parent of a disabled child. It's a six-week programme that aims to put you in touch with a personal advisor, helping you to talk about your feelings and concerns.

Phone: 0808 801 0510

Email: navigate@scope.org.uk

Monday to Friday: 9am to 8pm

Saturday: 9am to 12pm

Scope's helpline

www.scope.org.uk/helpline

Scope's helpline provides free, independent and impartial advice and support on issues that matter to disabled people and their families.

Freephone: 0808 800 3333

Email: helpline@scope.org.uk

8am to 8pm weekdays and closed at weekends and bank holidays.

Parents Connect

www.scope.org.uk/parents-connect

Email:

parentsconnect@scope.org.uk

Parents Connect is a six-week support programme for parents and carers of young disabled people in London.

Suitable for ages

Age of Users

All Ages

Costs

Cost

Free

Questions & Answers

Can Families Self-Refer To The Service? Yes

Do You Have A Waiting List? No

Eligibility - Can The Service Be Accessed By Extended Family Members Or Carers Yes

Further Information

Provider Type	Suitable For	Delivery Channels	Referral Criteria
SEND	Tourette's Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD) Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) Physical Disability Multi-Sensory Impairment (MSI) Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD) Epilepsy Specific Learning Difficulties Long Term Medical Conditions Downs Syndrome Speech, Language & Communication Needs (SLCN) Specific Learning Difficulty Dyslexia Complex Needs Social, Emotional, Behaviour Difficulty (SEBD) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Visual Impairment	Office / Premises	None (Self-referral)

Provider

SEND

Information, Advice And Advocacy Services

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Opening Times

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Tuesday	from 09:00	to 17:00
Wednesday	from 09:00	to 17:00
Thursday	from 09:00	to 17:00
Friday	from 09:00	to 17:00

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Sleep Management

Scope's Youth Community Collective

Job Enterprise And Training (JET)

Scope - Cerebral Palsy

Reed in Partnership