

## MIDLOTHIAN VOLUNTARY ACTION (MVA)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION - DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS AND WEBSITES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Request from the Scottish Human Rights Commission Can you help us map the third sector in Scotland?</b></p> <p>The Scottish Human Rights Commission are compiling a new database of organisations which help, campaign for, or support vulnerable people in all parts of the country. Can you help us complete the database by telling us about your organisation? If so please email:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="mailto:c.whitfield@hull.ac.uk">c.whitfield@hull.ac.uk</a></p> <p>and she will send you a short questionnaire. If you are not sure whether this applies to your organisation, send us an email anyway and we will respond. Thank you very much for your help.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.scottishhumanrights.com">www.scottishhumanrights.com</a></p>
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#### LEGISLATION AND BEST PRACTICE

**The Equality Act 2010 will become law on 1 October 2010.** The Act replaces existing anti-discrimination laws with a single Act. It covers the same groups that were protected by existing equality legislation - age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

**Types of discrimination covered now include:**

- Direct Discrimination
- Associative Discrimination
- Discrimination by Perception
- Indirect Discrimination
- Harassment
- Harassment by a Third Party
- Victimisation

<http://www.equalities.gov.uk/Default.aspx>

**Equalities Act 2010**

- Equality Act 2010:

Government Equalities Office

Network of organisations concerned with equality issues -

<p>What do I need to Know? A summary Guide for Voluntary and Community Sector Service Providers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality Act 2010: What do I need to Know? Disability Quick Start Guide;</li> <li>• etc</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/Default.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/Default.aspx</a></p> <p>Equality Act <a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010.aspx</a></p> <p>Guidance <a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/equality_act_2010_what_do_i_need_to_know.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/equality_act_2010_what_do_i_need_to_know.aspx</a></p> <p>More info <a href="http://www.edf.org.uk">www.edf.org.uk</a></p>	<p>website includes guidance on the Equality Act 2010 for Voluntary and Community Sector Service Providers</p>
<p><b>ACAS</b> - includes guidance on the Equality Act for employers</p>	<p><a href="http://www.acas.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2833&amp;p=0">http://www.acas.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=2833&amp;p=0</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.acas.org.uk">www.acas.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>Equality and Diversity Forum</b> - Network of organisations concerned with equality issues</p>	<p><a href="http://www.edf.org.uk">www.edf.org.uk</a></p>	<p>website includes guidance on the Equality Act 2010 for Voluntary and Community Sector Service Providers</p>
<p><b>Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC)</b> - covers age, disability, gender, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/">http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/</a></p>	<p>Replaced the Commission for Racial Equality; Disability Rights Commission etc</p>
<p><b>ORGANISATION/ SERVICE</b></p>	<p><b>CONTACT/WEBSITE</b></p>	<p><b>NOTES</b></p>
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	<a href="http://www.acas.org.uk">www.acas.org.uk</a>	
<b>Access Fund (ECAS)</b>	<a href="http://www.ecas-edinburgh.org/grants.htm">www.ecas-edinburgh.org/grants.htm</a>	Grants for physically disabled residents of Edinburgh and Lothians
<b>Access Panels in Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.sdef.org.uk">www.sdef.org.uk</a>	
<b>Action Group, The</b> - for children and adults with support needs and learning disabilities - and their carers	<a href="http://www.actiongroup.org.uk">www.actiongroup.org.uk</a> tel/minicom: 0131 475 2315 Fax: 0131 475 2316  Midlothian office:  Sarah McNaught or Fiona Farquhar Tel: 0131 475 2315	Services in Midlothian include: family support and one to one support; siblings service; Real Jobs Midlothian; Housing Support Services; Welfare Rights Advice; and Money Advice
<b>Arc Scotland</b> (Association for Real Change) - supporting, developing and promoting learning disability providers across the UK	<a href="http://www.arcuk.org.uk">www.arcuk.org.uk</a>  Unit 13, Hardengreen Business Park, Eskbank, Dalkeith, EH22 3NX Tel: 0131 663 4444 Email: <a href="mailto:arc.scotland@arcuk.org.uk">arc.scotland@arcuk.org.uk</a>	
<b>Advocacy Project</b>	<a href="http://www.advocacyproject.org.uk">www.advocacyproject.org.uk</a>	Learning disability guide to choosing workers
<b>Ark Community Networks</b> - Dalkeith	Janis Wadge Tel: 0131 663 3231 <a href="mailto:Manager.Dalkeith@arkha.org.uk">Manager.Dalkeith@arkha.org.uk</a>	
<b>Artlink</b> -service for people who have difficulty getting out and about to arts events and venues	<a href="http://www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk">www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk</a>	
<b>Arthritis Care</b>	<a href="http://www.arthritiscare.org.uk/InyourArea/Scotland">www.arthritiscare.org.uk/InyourArea/Scotland</a>  tel: 0141 954 7776 email: <a href="mailto:Scotland@arthritiscare.org.uk">Scotland@arthritiscare.org.uk</a>	

<b>Autism organisations:</b>	<p>Lothian Autistic Society -  <a href="http://www.lothianautistic.org">www.lothianautistic.org</a>            Tel: 0131 554 9362</p> <p>National Autistic Society -  <a href="http://www.nas.org.uk">www.nas.org.uk</a></p> <p>Scottish Society for Autism -  <a href="http://www.autism-in-scotland.org.uk/">www.autism-in-scotland.org.uk/</a></p>	
<b>Badaguish- Cairngorm National Park's all inclusive outdoor centre</b>	<a href="http://www.badaguish.org">www.badaguish.org</a>	
<b>BBC - Disability</b>	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/">www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/</a>	
<b>British Deaf Association (BDA)</b>	<p><a href="http://www.bda.org.uk">www.bda.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Scottish Deaf Association</b>            Suite 222, The Pentagon            36 Washington Street            Glasgow, G3 8AZ            Email:  <a href="mailto:scotland@signcommunity.org.uk">scotland@signcommunity.org.uk</a>            Videophone IP:            Glasgow.bda.bslphone.com            IP:            81.158.182.123            Textphone: 0141 248 5567            Telephone: 0141 248 5554            Fax: 0141 248 5565</p>	
<b>British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)</b>	<a href="http://www.bild.org.uk/">www.bild.org.uk/</a>	
<b>British Red Cross Society (East &amp; Mid)</b>	<p>Contact:</p> <p>Rhona West            Tel: 0131 654 0340            Fax: 0131 654 0860            Email: <a href="mailto:rwest@redcross.org.uk">rwest@redcross.org.uk</a></p>	Services include hire of wheelchairs (short term), transport and escort (to hospital, doctor, dentist etc appointments)
<b>Capability Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.capability-scotland.org.uk">www.capability-scotland.org.uk</a>	

<b>CHANGE</b> - rights organisation for people with learning disabilities	<a href="http://www.changepeople.co.uk/">www.changepeople.co.uk/</a>	Some useful stuff on website - however, many not all apply in Scotland
<b>Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.chss.org.uk/">www.chss.org.uk/</a>	
<b>Commission for Equality and Human Rights (CEHR)</b> - this will bring together the work of the three existing Commissions: the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE), Disability Rights Commission (DRC); and Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC)	<a href="http://www.cehr.org.uk">www.cehr.org.uk</a>  if interested in being involved in committees etc:  <a href="http://www.cehroportunities.org.uk">www.cehroportunities.org.uk</a> tel: 0845 450 3294 minicom: 0845 450 3291	The CEHR will cover England, Scotland and Wales. In Scotland and Wales there will be statutory committees responsible for the work of the CEHR.
<b>Connects: the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Portal</b> - run by the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities, which is part of the Mental Health Foundation	<a href="http://www.connects.org.uk">www.connects.org.uk</a>	Portal for anyone with an interest in learning disabilities
<b>Contact a Family</b> - for families with disabled children	Contact a Family Scotland Norton Park 57 Albion Road Edinburgh EH7 5QY Tel: (0131) 475 2608 Fax: (0131) 475 2609 e-mail: <a href="mailto:scotland.office@cafamily.org.uk">scotland.office@cafamily.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.cafamily.org.uk/scotland">www.cafamily.org.uk/scotland</a>	
<b>Cue and Review Recording Service</b>	<a href="http://www.cueandreview.org.uk">www.cueandreview.org.uk</a>	
<b>Deaf Action</b> (formerly known as the Edinburgh and East of Scotland Deaf Society)	<a href="http://www.deafaction.org">www.deafaction.org</a>  Deaf Action Head Office 49 Albany Street EDINBURGH	Provide a variety of services, particularly in Edinburgh, Midlothian, East and West Lothian.

	EH1 3QY  Voice: 0131 556 3128 Text: 0131 557 0419 Fax: 0131 557 8283 sms: 07775 620757 <a href="mailto:admin@deafaction.org">admin@deafaction.org</a>	
<b>Deafblind Scotland</b> - for deafblind people	<a href="http://www.deafblindscotland.org.uk">www.deafblindscotland.org.uk</a>	See also Sense Scotland
<b>Deafblind UK</b>	<a href="http://www.deafblind.org.uk/home.html">www.deafblind.org.uk/home.html</a>	
<b>Deaf Connections</b>	<a href="http://www.deafconnections.co.uk">www.deafconnections.co.uk</a>	West of Scotland
<b>Directgov</b> - government information website - Disabled People section	<a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/index.htm">www.direct.gov.uk/en/DisabledPeople/index.htm</a>	
<b>Disability Alliance</b> - website has a lot of information, publications on benefits etc	<a href="http://www.disabilityalliance.org">www.disabilityalliance.org</a> Voice/minicom: 020 7247 8776	London based organisation
<b>Disabled Entrepreneurs Network</b>	<a href="http://www.disabled-entrepreneurs.net">www.disabled-entrepreneurs.net</a>	Includes Scotland
<b>Disabled Living Foundation (DLF)</b> - National charity that provides free, impartial advice about disability equipment and mobility products	<a href="http://www.dlf.org.uk">www.dlf.org.uk</a>  Helpline: 0845 130 9177	London based but website does include information re Scottish orgs etc
<b>ECAS (Equality Choice Action Support)</b> -friendly and practical help to physically disabled people - including classes; grants for holidays and equipment etc	<a href="http://www.ecas-edinburgh.org">www.ecas-edinburgh.org</a> tel: 0131 475 2344	
<b>Edinburgh Development Group (EDG)</b> - learning disabilities	<a href="http://www.edg-sco.org">www.edg-sco.org</a>	Useful links, info on training services
<b>Employers' Forum on Disability</b>	<a href="http://www.realising-potential.org">www.realising-potential.org</a>	

<b>Employment Opportunities-</b> working with employers on disability	<a href="http://www.opportunities.org.uk">www.opportunities.org.uk</a>	Charity - office in Edinburgh - includes Midlothian
<b>Enable Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.enable.org.uk">www.enable.org.uk</a>	
<b>Enquire</b> - Scottish Executive funded national service providing independent advice and information to families of children who need extra help at school, to children and young people themselves and to professionals who work on their behalf	<a href="http://www.enquire.org.uk">www.enquire.org.uk</a> Helpline: 0845 123 23 03 (charged at local rates) Textphone: 0131 22 22 439 Administration: 0131 222 2425	Big, and varied, selection of useful links
<b>Epilepsy Action</b> - linked to Epilepsy Scotland	<a href="http://www.epilepsy.org.uk">www.epilepsy.org.uk</a>	Lots of info on website
<b>Epilepsy Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.epilepsyscotland.org.uk">www.epilepsyscotland.org.uk</a>	New leaflets written for people with learning difficulties
<b>Equality and Diversity Forum</b> - Network of organisations concerned with equality issues	<a href="http://www.edf.org.uk">www.edf.org.uk</a>	website includes guidance on the Equality Act 2010 for Voluntary and Community Sector Service Providers
<b>Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC)</b> - covers age, disability, gender, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.	<a href="http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/">http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/</a>	Replaced the Commission for Racial Equality; Disability Rights Commission etc
<b>Fabb Scotland</b> (Facilitating Access Breaking Barriers) (used to Phab)	<a href="http://www.fabb.org.uk">www.fabb.org.uk</a> Lasswade Phab Club Lasswade High School Tel: 0131 660 1933 Wed 6.30 - 9.30 pm	Network of clubs and local groups
<b>FAIR</b> (Family Advice & Information Resource) -	<a href="http://www.fairadvice.org.uk">www.fairadvice.org.uk</a>	For Edinburgh based people, parents and

information and advice for people with learning disabilities	website has some useful links	workers)
<b>Family Fund</b> - grants to families with severely disabled children	<a href="http://www.familyfund.org.uk">www.familyfund.org.uk</a>	UK-wide charity funded by the 4 national governments
<b>Forest Books</b> - specialists in sign language and deaf issues	<a href="http://www.forestbooks.com">www.forestbooks.com</a>	
<b>Forward Mid</b> - an active disabled group in Midlothian run by disabled people	<p><a href="http://www.forwardmid.org.uk">www.forwardmid.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Contact:</b></p> <p>Eric Johnstone, Community Care Development Worker, Midlothian Voluntary Action, tel: 0131 663 9471, email: <a href="mailto:eric.johnstone@mvacvs.org.uk">eric.johnstone@mvacvs.org.uk</a></p>	
<b>Glenesk Day Services</b> - situated in the grounds of Garvald Glenesk, Eskbank, Dalkeith.	<p><b>Contact:</b></p> <p>Alison Edelsten, Development Worker Tel: 0131 454 9199 Email: <a href="mailto:alison@columcillecentre.co.uk">alison@columcillecentre.co.uk</a></p>	Opportunities include a range of art and craft activities, gardening, dance and music.
<b>Government Equalities Office (UK)</b>	<a href="http://www.equalities.gov.uk/Default.aspx">http://www.equalities.gov.uk/Default.aspx</a>	
<b>Grapevine: Lothian Disability Information Service</b> - run by LCIL - Edinburgh and Lothian	<a href="http://www.lothiancil.org.uk/show.php?contentid=58">www.lothiancil.org.uk/show.php?contentid=58</a>	Free, confidential information on a wide range of issues including welfare benefits, community care services, transport, housing, employment, education,

		equipment and holidays
<b>Headway</b> - supports people with a brain injury, and their carers	<a href="http://www.headway.org.uk">www.headway.org.uk</a>	
<b>Holiday Care</b> - holiday and travel information services for disabled and older people	<a href="http://www.holidaycare.org.uk/">www.holidaycare.org.uk/</a> helpline: 0845 124 9971	
<b>Inclusion Scotland</b> - consortium of disabled peoples' organisations and individual disabled people	<a href="http://www.inclusionscotland.org.uk">www.inclusionscotland.org.uk</a>	Manifesto, newsletters, links, reports and documents, online directory, events diary
<b>Intowork</b> - employment opportunities for people with disabilities and, in certain geographical areas, other client groups who can be described as 'significantly distanced from the labour market.'	<a href="http://www.intowork.org.uk">www.intowork.org.uk</a>  Tel: 0131 475 2369	
<b>Joint Mobility Unit</b> - access consultancy, part of the RNIB	<a href="http://www.jmuaccess.org.uk">www.jmuaccess.org.uk</a>  tel: 020 7391 2002	
<b>Lead Scotland</b> - Linking Education And Disability - a voluntary organisation set up to widen access to learning for disabled adults and carers in many areas of Scotland	<a href="http://www.lead.org.uk">www.lead.org.uk</a>  Stephen Fernand South Lead Scotland Office Edinburgh Office Tel: 0131 229 8082 Email: <a href="mailto:sfernand@lead.org.uk">sfernand@lead.org.uk</a>	
<b>Learning Disability Alliance Scotland (LDAS)</b>	<a href="http://www.ldascotland.org">www.ldascotland.org</a>	
<b>Leonard Cheshire</b>	<a href="http://www.leonard-cheshire.org">www.leonard-cheshire.org</a>	
<b>LinkLiving</b> - East and	Louise Richardson	

<b>Midlothian Service</b>	Tel: 0131 654 2870 Fax: 0131 663 9584 Email: <a href="mailto:lric@linkhaltd.co.uk">lric@linkhaltd.co.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.linkhousing.co.uk/linkliving">www.linkhousing.co.uk/linkliving</a>	
<b>Local Area Co-ordination (LAC)</b> - LACs are based in local communities and provide support which is personalised, flexible and responsive.	Local Area Co-ordinators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dalkeith/Woodburn - tel: 0131 454 1785</li> </ul>	The LAC offers disabled people as well as their families and/or carers help to plan, select and receive the supports they want.
<b>Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living</b>	<a href="http://www.lothiancil.org.uk/">www.lothiancil.org.uk/</a> tel/minicom: 0131 475 2350 fax: 0131 475 2392 e-mal: <a href="mailto:LCIL@lothiancil.org.uk">LCIL@lothiancil.org.uk</a>	Disability and user led organisations
<b>Lothian Disabled Living Centre</b> - can visit by appointment	Astley Ainslie Hospital, 133 Grange Loan, Edinburgh, EH9 2HL Tel/fax: 0131 537 9190	Demonstration and information resource centre concerned with the practical aspects of daily living
<b>Lothian Employers' Network on Disability (LEND)</b>	<a href="http://www.lend-network.co.uk">www.lend-network.co.uk</a>	
<b>Making Choices Keeping Safe</b> - policy and practice guidelines on relationships and sexual wellbeing when working with people with learning difficulties	<a href="http://www.mcks.scot.nhs.uk">www.mcks.scot.nhs.uk</a>	
<b>Mencap</b> - learning disability organisation - England, Northern Ireland and Wales	<a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk">www.mencap.org.uk</a>	Does not work in Scotland but some useful stuff on website
<b>Midlothian Council Disability Equality Scheme</b>	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk">www.midlothian.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Midlothian Employment Action Network (MEAN)</b>	<a href="http://www.mean.org.uk">www.mean.org.uk</a>	Works on behalf of people who face obstacle when seeking and retaining work - including people

		with disabilities
<b>Midlothian News &amp; Views Talking Newspaper</b> - for visually impaired people in Midlothian	Tel: 0131 663 6851	
<b>Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.macs-mobility.org">www.macs-mobility.org</a>	
<b>Momentum</b> - work with disabled and excluded people, including brain injury, mental health	<a href="http://www.momentumscotland.org">www.momentumscotland.org</a> they produce an e-bulletin "Catalyst" and other publications	No projects in Edinburgh or Midlothian
<b>Multiple Sclerosis Society</b>	<a href="http://www.mssociety.org.uk">www.mssociety.org.uk</a> tel: 0808 800 8000 (weekdays, 9 am - 9 pm)	
<b>Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.mssocietyscotland.org.uk/">www.mssocietyscotland.org.uk/</a> Lothians branch (East Lothian and Midlothian): Tel: 0131 335 4050 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@mssocietyscotland.org.uk">enquiries@mssocietyscotland.org.uk</a>	
<b>National Disability Arts Forum</b>	<a href="http://www.ndaf.org/main.php">www.ndaf.org/main.php</a>	
<b>Newbattle Handicapped Club</b>	Tel: 0131 663 2573	
<b>NHS Scotland websites</b> - new (July 2007)	<b>Health Information+</b> <a href="http://www.healthinfoplus.co.uk">www.healthinfoplus.co.uk</a> <b>Diabetes Information+</b> <a href="http://www.diabetesinfoplus.co.uk">www.diabetesinfoplus.co.uk</a> <b>Stroke Information+</b> <a href="http://www.strokeinfoplus.co.uk">www.strokeinfoplus.co.uk</a>	
<b>Norah Fry Research Centre</b> - research about disabled children and adults with learning difficulties and their	<a href="http://www.bris.ac.uk/norahfry/easy/about.html">www.bris.ac.uk/norahfry/easy/about.html</a>	Based at University of Bristol

families		
<b>Outside the Box</b> - community development support, information and advice to people who tend to be marginalised from their communities and who want to make a contribution	<a href="http://www.otbds.org">www.otbds.org</a> tel: 0141 445 3062 email: <a href="mailto:info@otbds.org">info@otbds.org</a>  work with people with disabilities; people with mental health problems; older people; young people etc	They are a charity. Website has info on partners & projects, and a number of interesting publications
<b>Pain Association Scotland</b>	<a href="http://www.painassociation.com">www.painassociation.com</a> tel: 0131 312 7955	
<b>Parent Connections</b> - connecting lone parent families affected by disability in East, West and Midlothian	Helpline: 0800 018 5026 If calling from a mobile, call 0131 556 3899 Monday to Friday 9.30 am - 9.30 pm <a href="http://www.opfs.org.uk">www.opfs.org.uk</a> email: <a href="mailto:parentconnections@opfs.org.uk">parentconnections@opfs.org.uk</a>	Run by One Parent Family Scotland - lone parent helpline 0808 801 0323
<b>Pavilion Scotland</b> - publisher of health and social care publications (UK)	<a href="http://www.pavpub.com">www.pavpub.com</a> Tel: 0870 890 1080	
<b>People First (Scotland)</b> - the independent self-advocacy organisation of people with learning difficulties in Scotland	Tel: 0131 478 7707 Fax: 0131 478 7404 Email: <a href="mailto:P1stScot@aol.com">P1stScot@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.peoplefirstscotland.com/">http://www.peoplefirstscotland.com/</a>	There is a local group in Midlothian
<b>Plain English Campaign</b>	<a href="http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/">http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/</a>	
<b>Ricability</b> - national research charity dedicated to providing independent information of value to disabled and older consumers.	<a href="http://www.ricability.org.uk/">http://www.ricability.org.uk/</a>	Ricability is the trading name of the Research Institute for Consumer Affairs (RICA)
<b>Riding for the Disabled</b>	<a href="http://www.rda.org.uk">www.rda.org.uk</a>	"Locations" will let you

Association (RDA)		find your nearest group
Royal Association of Deaf People	<a href="http://www.royaldeaf.org.uk/">www.royaldeaf.org.uk/</a>	Factsheets etc
RNIB (Royal National Institute of the Blind)	<a href="http://www.rnib.org.uk">www.rnib.org.uk</a> Head Office (Scotland): 0131 311 8500 Edinburgh and the Lothians: 0131 557 1004	Includes statistics, link, research library etc
RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People) - for deaf and hard of hearing people	<a href="http://www.rnid.org.uk">www.rnid.org.uk</a> RNID Scotland: Tel: 0141 341 5330 Texphone: 0141 341 5347 Fax: 0141 341 5352 Email: <a href="mailto:rnidscotland@rnid.org.uk">rnidscotland@rnid.org.uk</a>	
Scope - about cerebral palsy	<a href="http://www.scope.org.uk">www.scope.org.uk</a>	
Scottish Accessible Information Forum (SAIF)	<a href="http://www.saifscotland.org.uk">www.saifscotland.org.uk</a> tel: 0141 226 5261	Useful information, publications, and posters
Scottish Accessible Transport Alliance/Association (SATA)	<a href="http://www.transformscotland.org.uk/members/text/sata.html">www.transformscotland.org.uk/members/text/sata.html</a>	
Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters (SASLI)	<a href="http://www.sasli.org.uk">www.sasli.org.uk</a>	
Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability (SCLD)	<a href="http://www.sclld.org.uk">www.sclld.org.uk</a>	
Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD)	<a href="http://www.scod.org.uk">www.scod.org.uk</a>	Lots and lots of useful links for whole of Scotland etc
Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF)	<a href="http://www.sdef.org.uk">www.sdef.org.uk</a>	
Scottish Employment	<a href="http://www.opportunities.org.uk">www.opportunities.org.uk</a>	

<b>Opportunities</b> - for people with disabilities		
<b>Scottish Government- Disability section</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/disability">www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/disability</a>	
<b>Scottish Government - Equalities</b>		
<b>Scottish Spina Bifida Association (SSBA)</b>	<a href="http://www.ssba.org.uk">www.ssba.org.uk</a> tel: 01236 794500 Support Service: 08459 111112	
<b>Sense Scotland</b> - works with children and adults who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impairment to both sight and hearing with or without other difficulties;</li> <li>• Impairment to hearing with other difficulties;</li> <li>• Impairment to vision with other difficulties.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.sensescotland.org.uk">www.sensescotland.org.uk</a>  tel: 0141 429 0294 fax: 0141 429 0295 text: 0141 418 7170  email: <a href="mailto:info@sensescotland.org.uk">info@sensescotland.org.uk</a>	See also Deafblind Scotland
<b>Skill Scotland</b> - national bureau for students with disabilities	<a href="http://www.skill.org.uk/scotland/index.asp">www.skill.org.uk/scotland/index.asp</a>  tel: 0131 475 2348 email: <a href="mailto:admin@skillscotland.org.uk">admin@skillscotland.org.uk</a>	
<b>SNIP (Special Needs Information Point)</b> - advice and information on services available to children with special needs and their carers; also provide a 'listening ear'	<a href="http://www.snipinfo.org">www.snipinfo.org</a>  helpline: 0131 536 0583 office/minicom: 0131 536 0360 e-mail: <a href="mailto:snip@btinternet.com">snip@btinternet.com</a>	Based at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh
<b>Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research (scdr)</b>	<a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/centres/disabilityresearch/index.htm">www.gla.ac.uk/centres/disabilityresearch/index.htm</a>	Currently researching on education, training, employment, health and legal needs of disabled people
<b>Taxi Driver Training Pack</b>	<a href="http://www.ddsg.org.uk/taxi/">www.ddsg.org.uk/taxi/</a>	
<b>The research centre for inclusive access to outdoor environments</b>	<a href="http://www.openspace.eca.ac.uk">www.openspace.eca.ac.uk</a>	Edinburgh based

Tourism for All	<a href="http://www.tourismforall.org.uk/">www.tourismforall.org.uk/</a>	
Trefoil House - a holiday centre for people with all types of disability	<a href="http://www.trefoil.org.uk">www.trefoil.org.uk</a> 0131 339 3148	Also operates a Holiday Fund Grant
United Kingdom's Disabled People's Council (UKDPC)	<a href="http://www.bcodp.org.uk">www.bcodp.org.uk</a>	
UPDATE - Scotland's National Disability Information Service	<a href="http://www.update.org.uk">www.update.org.uk</a> Helpline: 0131 558 5200	
Using your rights, Disability Rights Commission (DRC)	<a href="http://www.drc.org.uk/usingyourrights/landing/">www.drc.org.uk/usingyourrights/landing/</a>	
Values Into Action (VIAUK)	<a href="http://www.viauk.org/">www.viauk.org/</a>	UK wide campaign with people with learning disabilities
Visual Impairment Services (VIS) - includes VIS's Parent Information Base and Viskids (Visual Impairment Scotland Knowledge Information and Development Service) website aimed at children and young people	<a href="http://www.viscotland.org.uk/">www.viscotland.org.uk/</a>	
Visual Impairment Services South East Scotland (VISSES)	12-14 Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh, EH7 5DZ, tel: 0131 557 1004	Parent charity is the RNIB

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