**Supporting communities**

**ENABLE Scotland** supports people all over Scotland to live an independent life in their own communities. We work with people to design the support services they need to achieve their goals and get the most out of their local communities.

**In 2014 - 2015 ...**

More than 1000 people across Scotland lived in the community with support from **ENABLE Scotland**.

During the year, we started supporting people in **Angus, Moray and East Dunbartonshire**, bringing the total number of local area authorities we work with to 22.

And we received grade 6 Care Inspectorate reports in seven local authority areas – two more than in 2013-14.
CAMPAIGNS

For more than 60 years ENABLE Scotland has been campaigning for a more equal society for people who have learning disability. We have campaigned on big issues such as education, transport, hate crime and welfare, and this year was our most successful campaigning year yet.

#bethechange – our campaign to challenge abusive language against people who have learning disabilities reached more than 5 million supporters. 64% of people who saw the campaign said they would challenge people using abusive and offensive language.

In 2014 - 2015 ...

£885,000 in unclaimed benefits were recovered for people who have learning disabilities and their families through our welfare rights campaign.

HUBS, our Help Us Be Spontaneous campaign to give disabled people equal access to train travel when they want it, achieved a reduction in notice for passenger Assistance from 24 hours to 4 hours or less, and was nominated for 2014 Cracking Campaign in Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) Charity Awards.
2014/15 was a record breaking year for ENABLE Scotland as a membership organisation. For the first time in the organisation’s history we reached more than 5000 members and the support for our local networks keeps growing.

In 2014 - 2015 …

Our governance structure has also been redesigned to ensure our members are at the heart of decisions about how we run ENABLE Scotland. Scottish Council - our membership representative group - was redesigned to increase member participation.

Our 22 local ACE groups met more than 300 times in total this year, and campaigned on local and national issues throughout Scotland. And they were joined by our 44 branches, from Annan in the south to Caithness in the north.

And members of our ACE groups were asked to join the Scottish Government’s Keys to Life Expert Working Group, part of its 10-year plan to improve the quality of life for people in Scotland who have learning disabilities.
EMPLOYMENT

We work with young people and adults throughout Scotland finding routes into work with appropriate support from ENABLE Works – our employability service. Over the course of 2014/15 we saw many of them make the move into meaningful employment with reduced support while our projects continued to develop opportunities for hundreds more.

In 2014 - 2015 …

Working with 20 local authorities throughout Scotland, 473 people were supported into employment, and 949 young people gained employability skills and increased knowledge.

We also secured 800 new opportunities through All in Edinburgh – a pan-disability supported employment service.

Herald Society Awards 2014
Winner, ENABLE Works
Team of the Year
FUNDRAISING

ENABLE Scotland’s fundraising activities include everything from working with large funders to secure project funding, to individual community-based fundraising led by our members, supporters and staff.

In 2014 - 2015 ...

The People’s Millions gave us £47,286 for The Friendship Network in Orkney.

The Big Lottery gave us £309,911 for our Enable U Family Support Programme in Fife.

The Scottish Legal Aid Board gave us £118,527 for The Fife Young Families Money Advice Project.

The Voluntary Action Fund gave us £25,000 for The Cuppa Club for older carers in Glasgow.
FINANCES

In 2014 - 2015...

Income
£30 million

Expenditure
£31.2 million
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