

***The* INCLUSION CHARTER**

Ending segregation in education for all students with disabilities or learning difficulties.

The Charter's Six Points

- 1** We fully support an end to all segregated education on the grounds of disability or learning difficulty, as a policy commitment and goal for this country.
- 2** We see the ending of segregation in education as a human rights issue which belongs within equal opportunities policies.
- 3** We believe that all students* share equal value and status. We therefore believe that the exclusion of students from the mainstream because of disability or learning difficulty is a devaluation and is discriminating.
- 4** We envisage the gradual transfer of resources, expertise, staff and students from segregated special schools to an appropriately supported, diverse and inclusive mainstream.
- 5** We believe that segregated education is a major cause of society's widespread prejudice against adults with disabilities or difficulties and that efforts to increase their participation in community life will be seriously jeopardised unless segregated education is reduced and ultimately ended. De-segregating special education is therefore a crucial first step in helping to change discriminatory attitudes, in creating greater understanding and in developing a fairer society.
- 6** For these reasons we call on Central and Local Governments to do all in their power to work as quickly as possible towards the goal of a de-segregated education system.

*The Charter uses the term 'students' to cover all pupils, children and young people.

CHARTER SIGNERS

1989-2005

Organizations

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)
Alliance for Inclusive Education
Arthritis Care
Association of Blind & Partially Sighted Teachers & Students (ABAPSTAS)
Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP)
ATAXIA Fighting Friedreich's & Other Cerebellar Ataxias
Barnardos
Bolton Institute of Higher Education School of Education & Health Studies
British Diabetic Association
British Psychological Society
Brittle Bone Society
Cambridge 81 Action
Campaign for the Advancement of State Education (CASE)
Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (CSIE)
Cheviots Children's Centre, Enfield
Chicken Shed Theatre Company
ChildLine
Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE)
Children's Society
CMH Thameside
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust
Daycare Trust (National Childcare Campaign)
Disability Action, Northern Ireland
Disability Equality in Education (DEE)
Disability Scotland (Scottish Council on Disability)
Down's Syndrome Association
Elfrida Rathbone Camden
Enabling Education Network (EENET)
Epilepsy Association of Scotland
Greater London Association of Disabled People (GLAD)
Hyperactive Children's Support Group
Independent Panel for Special Education Advice (IPSEA)
KIDS Centre (Working for Children with Special Needs)
Lady Hoare Trust for Physically Disabled Children
Lewisham Assn. of People with Disabilities
LINC (Liaison of those Involved in the Needs of Children)
London Boroughs Disability Resource Team
Markfield Project
MIND (The Mental Health Charity)
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association (ME)
National Assn. of Citizens Advice Bureaux (NACAB)
National Asthma Campaign
National Development Team (NDT)
National Citizen Advocacy
National Eczema Society
National Foster Care Association
Network 81
North West Training & Development Team
NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)
People First
PHAB (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied)
Pre-school Learning Alliance
Rathbone C.I.
Socialist Educational Association
Speakability
Spinal Injuries Association
Supporting Children in Ordinary Living
The Lady Hoare Trust
VIA - Values Into Action
Young Arthritis Care

Political Parties

The Green Party

Local Education Authorities

Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale
Carmarthenshire
Derbyshire County Council
Leeds City Council
London Borough of Newham
Rutland County Council

York Diocesan Board of Education

Trade Unions

COHSE (Health Care Union)
General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMB)
MSF - Manufacturing, Science and Finance
National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE)
Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU)

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Baroness Lockwood
Baroness Usha Prashar
Lord Stallard
Baroness Uddin
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