

# All about us



The National Deaf  
Children's Society

**ndcs**  
  
every deaf child

**“I was lacking in confidence and felt left out and embarrassed by my deafness...**

**I now feel proud to be deaf, thanks to NDCS.”**

**Deaf young person**

# Who we are

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) is the leading charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people.

## What we believe

- Deaf children can do anything other children can do, given early diagnosis and the right support from the start.
- Deaf children should be involved in decisions that affect them at as early an age as possible.
- Families are the most important influence on deaf children and young people, and need clear, balanced information to make informed choices.
- Effective language and communication skills lie at the heart of deaf children and young people's social, emotional and intellectual development.
- Deaf children should be valued by society and have the same opportunities as any other child.

We work to support...  
45,000+ deaf children and young people in the UK

## Why it matters

- Deafness is not a learning disability, yet 65% of deaf children in England fail to achieve five GCSE grades A\*-C (including English and maths).
- Deaf children are vulnerable to isolation, bullying and poor self-esteem.
- Deaf children are 60% more likely to experience mental health problems compared to other children.
- Deaf children are more than twice as likely to be abused as other children.



# How we make a difference

We offer free information and support to families with a deaf child. Through our publications and web forums, the Freephone Helpline, our specialist advisers and family events, parents can rely on us from initial diagnosis through to adulthood.



We run various activities and events where deaf children and young people can learn new skills, gain confidence and meet other deaf children, often for the first time.

We work to support...

1,600 babies  
who are born  
deaf every year  
in the UK



We campaign on behalf of deaf children and young people to ensure that they get the education, health and family support services they need, and empower families to do the same.



We give deaf children the opportunity to take part in activities that they can sometimes be excluded from – like football or joining a club – by offering deaf-friendly training to leisure organisations that work with children.



We provide guidance for professionals to help them work with deaf children in the best way possible.



# How you can help

**Raise money** – 95% of our work is funded by the public. Some people choose to donate a small amount every month, some run marathons for us or jump out of planes and others leave a legacy to NDCS in their will.

☎ **0845 231 1617**

🖱 **[www.ndcs.org.uk/help\\_us](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/help_us)**

**Campaign** – It's vital that we persuade government and local decision makers to make deaf children a priority. Join our campaign network and add strength to our voice.

🖱 **[www.ndcs.org.uk/campaign](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/campaign)**

**Volunteer** – You can make a real difference to the lives of deaf children and their families by offering your time at NDCS events or helping out in our offices.

🖱 **[www.ndcs.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/volunteer)**



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**[www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)**

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– our website for deaf children  
and young people.



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