

# ARC UK Strategic Vision 2016-2020

## ARC's Vision

Real change that puts people with learning disabilities at the centre of decision-making, and in the heart of their communities.



## ARC's Values

**We believe that people with learning disabilities:**

- ✓ should be listened to, respected and treated equitably
- ✓ should be fully included in all decisions that affect them
- ✓ should be involved in the planning and delivery of support services
- ✓ can become self-advocates and lead real change in their services and communities

**We believe that those who plan and deliver support for people with learning disabilities:**

- ✓ should be supported in developing person-centred values and models of support
- ✓ should have access to the knowledge, experience and skills they need to continually learn, reflect and improve what they do
- ✓ should be supported to work in partnership with each other, setting aside commercial interests for the benefit of the people they support

## ARC's Mission

The Association for Real Change is a membership organisation supporting anyone who is involved in the planning or delivery of support or services for people with a learning disability.

Our work also benefits people with other support needs such as autism, mental health issues, long-term health problems and physical and sensory disabilities, and we are therefore committed to sharing our learning and experience across all sectors. Our strategic vision is written at a time of austerity, which is impacting heavily on supported people throughout the UK. Never has our work been more challenging or important.

## ARC's Strategic Aims

### 1. Support and develop

We will support and develop the continual improvement of practice to help individuals and organisations to reach their potential.

### 2. Connect and Liaise

We will lead and facilitate conversations, networks and partnerships, which generate new ideas and solutions.

### 3. Influence and Voice

We will champion the voices of providers and people who use services in order to influence change.

### 4. Financial Sustainability

We will remain sustainable within a financially constrained sector and relevant to changes within the external environment.

## ARC's Network

Achieving our vision requires everyone involved in planning and delivery of care and support to work together more closely and more effectively. This means we must effectively engage with a very wide range of organisations, groups and individuals. These include:

- ✓ Provider organisations from the voluntary, statutory and independent sectors
- ✓ People who have learning disabilities, or other support needs
- ✓ Carers
- ✓ Councils / Local authorities
- ✓ Health services
- ✓ Strategic planning groups
- ✓ National bodies - including regulatory bodies
- ✓ Community and advocacy groups
- ✓ UK and Devolved Governments
- ✓ Academic and research institutions



## ARC's Plans

You will find more information on how this strategic vision is being delivered across the UK, as well as information on how to join or support our organisation, on our websites.

- ARC England: [www.arcuk.org.uk](http://www.arcuk.org.uk)
- ARC Scotland: [www.arcuk.org.uk/scotland](http://www.arcuk.org.uk/scotland)
- ARC Northern Ireland: [www.arcuk.org.uk/northernireland](http://www.arcuk.org.uk/northernireland)
- ARC Cymru: [www.arcuk.org.uk/cymru](http://www.arcuk.org.uk/cymru)

