

The Benefits

- Peer support networks that offer guidance and expertise, including access to five workstreams.
- Representation at the tables that matter eg the All Party Learning Disability Group; the Regional Day Opportunities Group; NISCC's Workforce Development Partnership.
- A collaborative voice representing the sector to challenge the need for change.
- An extensive training calendar that is developed in response to members' needs.
- Bespoke events/conference providing opportunities to share best practice and network.
- Pilot partnership projects testing innovative models of practice.
- Discounted rates on training, publications and room hire.

"ARC NI has formed strong links with RQIA which enables registered managers and registered providers to discuss key challenges relating to inspections and meeting the standards. I feel it also offers RQIA the opportunity to gain a greater insight into how inspections can contribute to improvement in the sector."
Derg Valley Care



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Reasons to Join ARC

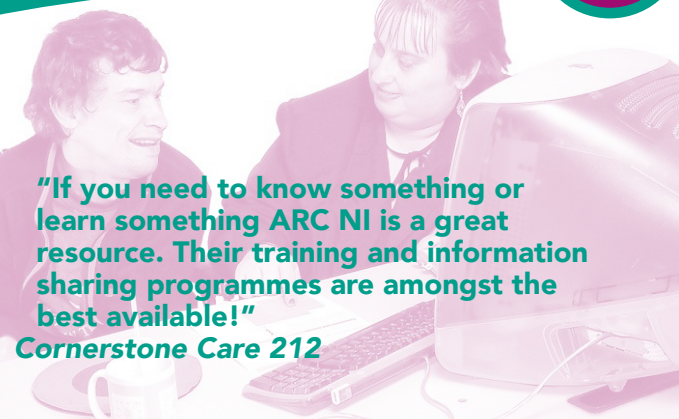
Support & Develop

ARC NI is committed to supporting and developing a competent workforce that are well equipped and suitably qualified to serve the learning disability sector to the highest standard.

We do this by:

- Offering a range of training on topics relevant to the social care sector, including courses to meet the Minimum Mandatory Requirements and courses offering Continued Professional Development
- Providing advice, guidance and bespoke consultancy services alongside enabling a peer support network
- Creating pilot innovation projects in response to emerging needs of the learning disability sector.

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"If you need to know something or learn something ARC NI is a great resource. Their training and information sharing programmes are amongst the best available!"

Cornerstone Care 212

Connect & Liaise

ARC NI encourages providers of learning disability services, Commissioners and Regulators to work together, learn from each other and share best practice.

We do this by:

- Facilitating workstream meetings to discuss common challenges currently facing the sector and identify collaborative action with regards to:
 - » Day opportunities
 - » Support for living
 - » Workforce development
 - » Regulation issues
 - » Strategic leadership
- Hosting a number of bespoke workshops, seminars and conferences to bring together the learning disability sector, to explore and implement necessary change needed to achieve a better future for those we support.

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"Membership of ARC NI is a great way for our staff to network with like-minded professionals, discuss best practice, share ideas and ask for advice."

Apex Housing Association

Influence & Voice

ARC NI is committed to ensuring the voice of our members and the learning disability sector is strong and we strive to achieve positive change ultimately for people with a learning disability.

We do this by:

- Acting as a trusted and honest broker between:
 - » Sectors including Voluntary, Statutory and Private
 - » Providers, Commissioners, Policy Makers and Regulators
- Representing a collaborative voice through lobbying and campaigning on the issues that impact on the sector.

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"The Cedar Foundation find ARC NI a professional and dynamic membership organisation. Placing the people that we care about, and for, at the centre of all of its activities ranging from staff development, advocacy, lobbying and policy issues that will impact upon the people we support."

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