

## **Vision and values**

Communication Forum Scotland is an informal alliance of organisations with a primary interest in promoting and/or providing for the needs of people with communication support needs in Scotland.

### **Our vision**

- People in Scotland with communication disabilities to have access to everything they want and need in order to enjoy a good quality of life.
- A Scotland that understands and accommodates the needs of people with communication disabilities and positively promotes their strengths and involvement.
- An equalities agenda that recognises the full impact of communication disability.
- To unite those working for people with communication support needs and those living with communication support needs so that the user voice is better heard by decision-makers, service providers and the wider world.

### **Our values**

- We are inclusive of all communication support needs groups (apart from those whose primary concern is English as an additional language).
- We recognise there are common barriers to communication for people with diverse communication support needs. Therefore there are common solutions in terms of changes of attitudes and awareness and increased knowledge, skills and resources.
- We recognise the diversity of communication methods.
- We support the 6 Communication Support Principles in the Talk for Scotland Toolkit. ([www.communicationforumscotland.org.uk](http://www.communicationforumscotland.org.uk))

## **Our definition of a communication support need**

Any individual who requires support to:

- Understand (verbal and written communication)
- Express themselves
- Interact with others

## **Our membership**

- Afasic Scotland
- Augmentative Communication in Practice: Scotland) (ACiPS)
- British Stammering Association Scotland (BSAS)
- Capability Scotland
- Call Scotland (Communication, Access, Literacy, Learning)
- Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland (CHSS)
- Communication Matters
- Connect
- Glasgow Disability Alliance
- Headway
- ICAN
- Momentum
- National Autistic Society Scotland
- Parkinson's UK Scotland
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)
- Speakability
- The Stroke Association

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