

Plain text version of the “Charities research Project”, a LUNA Project Task.

in this task you will research the roles of charities and, using examples, learn why they are so important!

What are Charities?

Charities are organisations that provide a public benefit. Charities can work in many areas including education, health and wellbeing, human rights, and animal welfare. In the UK, charities will have a mission statement/charitable purposes statement that describes what they aim to do, who they will help, and what work they will do. Many charities work in the area of disability and chronic illness.

Charities involved in disability and chronic illness can work in many ways including, but not limited to,

- Providing information and advice for Disabled people, friends and family, the general public, medical professionals etc.
- Providing direct help to Disabled people, their families, and their friends.
- Funding research e.g. helping to fund medical trials for a new medication for those with a specific chronic illness or helping to fund surveys that seek Disabled people’s opinions on new government policy.
- Advocating for new/changes to government policy, e.g. campaigning for improved laws surrounding the accessibility of shops.
- Raising awareness of disability and chronic illness

Step 1. Pick a charity whose work involves disability or chronic illness.

- Your charity can focus on a specific disability or chronic illness or a variety.
- Your charity can be big or small.
- If possible pick a charity that works with children and/or young people.

Try to pick a charity you are interested in or affects you personally, here are some suggestions to get you started:

- Crohn's and colitis UK
- Young Minds
- Versus Arthritis
- Scope
- ProjectAbility
- Epilepsy Action
- Destination Florida
- Teenage Cancer Trust
- Association for Young People's health

Step 3- Write up your research!

You could create a:

- Poster
- Short Essay
- Powerpoint
- Blog post
- Leaflet
- Or whatever you want!

Present your project to family, friends, and class! We would also love to see your work, email us at thelunaproject@gmail.com if you would like to share and possibly allow us to use your work on our social media and website!