

The LUNA project

# Charity research project

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.

Raising awareness of disability and chronic illness

Advocating for new/changes to government policy, e.g. campaigning for improved laws surrounding the accessibility of shops.

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.

Can you think of examples of charities that do each of these things?

Crohn's and Colitis UK

Young Minds

Versus Arthritis

Scope

ProjectAbility

**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:

Association for Young Peoples Health

Destination Florida

Teenage Cancer Trust

Epilepsy Action

**Step 2- Research your chosen charity, try to answer the questions below along with other interesting information you may find!**

- Give a brief description of your charity – what is its name? When was it founded and by whom? Is it a local/nationwide/global charity?
- What is your charity's mission/purpose? This is often found in the 'About' or 'What we do' section.
- If your charity focusses on a specific disability or chronic illness, try to find out more about this disability or chronic illness – both your charity and the NHS website can be good places to start.
- What type of work does your charity do? Try to give a summary of their current projects.
- How could you get involved in the charity – can you volunteer? Can you fundraise?

**Step 3- Write up your research!**

You could create a:

Short  
Essay

A blog post

poster

PowerPoint

leaflet

(basically,  
however you  
want!

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

