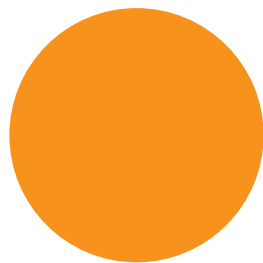




Centre for Independent Living

STRATEGY 2010-2014



About SILC - our mission

Surrey Independent Living Council (SILC) exists to improve the lives of disabled people across Surrey.

Led and run by disabled people, for over ten years our charity has championed the idea that all disabled people can live more independently and freely, with the same choices, opportunities and control over their lives as anyone else.

We have been at the forefront of shaping and delivering the government's agenda to give disabled people the chance to determine what support they want and need.

SILC vision

By March 2014, we will help thousands of disabled people in Surrey to live more independently through improving their confidence and ability to improve their own lives; and we will help agencies and people across Surrey to play their part in helping this to happen.

By 2022, we want all disabled people in Surrey to be able to live their lives independently with the same freedoms and opportunities as anyone else, to be treated as full members of society in Surrey, and to be proud of themselves and their community.

SILC values

We believe:

- all disabled people can live more independently with the right support;
- disabled people should learn from and support each other, and seek to create and control the support they need to live independently, rather than wait for action by governments and businesses run by non-disabled people;
- the social model of disability and the idea of full human rights involves an attitude of respect, understanding and fairness that helps everyone to understand how disabled people should be treated;
- non-disabled people should believe in the dignity and value of disabled people living independently and appreciate the significant benefits that are brought to society by disabled people.

SILC aims

These aims provide a summary of our strategic initiatives

1. To increase self-belief amongst disabled people that independent living is possible.
2. To help disabled people gain the skills and knowledge they need to live independently.
3. To increase the number of disabled people who have support that they have chosen.
4. To encourage more Government agencies to support disabled people.

SILC objectives

- We will stay true to our values, ensuring we continue to be led by disabled people.
- We will continue to grow, so that we can help more disabled people like us, particularly people from a range of ethnic and historical backgrounds.
- We will deliver a wide range of services, including four brand new initiatives outlined above.
- We will improve our communications, our service quality, and our involvement of members and beneficiaries.
- We will keep good relationships with the agencies we know, and build closer ties with those we don't, so that we are a truly collaborative partner.
- We will become less reliant on income from one place, in particular by growing our earned income through some new and developed services.

Who will SILC support?

SILC aspires to support all disabled people in Surrey regardless of their age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, impairment, location or severity or type of need, including

- people who become disabled due to age,
- younger disabled people and their parents,
- disabled people from minority ethnic backgrounds,
- carers.

What improvements will SILC make

We're committed to getting better at doing the things that we do

1. Communicate better
2. Further improve service quality for users
3. Better involve users and members
4. Refresh board/governance arrangements
5. Be more physically visible, e.g., different office space, possibly including a 'shop window'
6. Restructure, reorganise and improve staff skills
7. Improve our ability to demonstrate our outcomes and impact

Find out more

We hope you enjoy reading this summary of our strategy. If you found it interesting and would like to get more involved, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Here's how to get in touch or find out more:

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