

Parity for Disability Fundraising Priorities

Minibus Transport Costs (£16,900 per year required)

Using Parity's fleet of adapted minibuses, students take part in community life and experience the world, shopping, eating out, visiting places of interest, making trips locally or further afield as far as London and the Coast. They build decision-making, communication and social skills. They learn to cope when things don't go according to plan. Each student has the flexibility and independence to make numerous trips out.



Expert Input from Health Professionals (£66,000 per year required)

Physiotherapist

Most students use a wheelchair and most have limited mobility in their arms. The physiotherapist works with the movement that the students do have, so they can take part in activities safely and comfortably. The resulting wide range of choice and opportunities develops confidence, skills and social abilities. It's also key to preventing ill-health, pain, suffering and body distortion from spending all day in the same position.



Speech and Language Therapist

It's difficult to imagine not being able to make our needs or wishes known. Most of the students use little or no speech, but can communicate in other ways. The Speech and Language Therapist works with students, staff, families and professionals to preserve and build students' abilities in connecting and expressing themselves. Many students develop their communication skills far beyond expectations.

Music Therapy Places

People are normally referred to music therapy because they're finding it difficult to cope, or are withdrawn, or because they need additional help to reach their potential. People with multiple disabilities often have limited means to let people know why they are distressed or to process their feelings. For students at the very beginnings of communication, music therapy gives the experiences of subtle interaction. A student experiencing behavioural issues used his voice communicator to tell us how music therapy worked for him: "It gave me an opportunity to talk. The music itself gave me the chance to express myself. You listened to everything I had to say."



Activity Scheme for Young People (£8,000 per year required)



During the school holidays, opportunities for young people with multiple disabilities to meet with friends and take part in activities are extremely limited. The Scheme takes place in the Easter and summer holidays from a base in Fleet, with workers who are college and university students sharing a young outlook. The participants (aged 12 and over) shape the Scheme to suit them. The emphasis is on FUN, with countless indoor and outdoor activities and excursions. Participants develop coping skills, confidence and independence. The Scheme also means valuable respite for parents and carers, while giving loved ones opportunities that they could never provide alone. The fees paid do not cover the costs of rent, transport and activities.