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Equality and Human Rights Commission

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/

Who are they in their own words?

"Our mandate

Parliament gave the Commission the mandate to challenge discrimination, and to protect and promote human rights.

Our vision

 We live in a country with a long history of upholding people's rights, valuing diversity and challenging intolerance. The EHRC seeks to maintain and strengthen this heritage while identifying and tackling areas where there is still unfair discrimination or where human rights are not being respected.

Our mission

A catalyst for change and improvement on equality and human rights.

Our roles

- Outcomes-focused strategic regulator
- Promoter of standards and good practice
- Authoritative centre of intelligence and innovation
- Trusted partner"

Taken from website section "About us" (edited).

Age UK

http://www.ageuk.org.uk/

Who are they in their own words?

"Age UK is the country's largest charity dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life.

The over-60s is the fastest-growing group in society and there are more of us than ever before.

Ageing is not an illness, but it can be challenging. At Age UK we provide services and support at a national and local level to inspire, enable and support older people.

We stand up and speak for all those who have reached later life, and also protect the long-term interests of future generations.

Our vision

A world where everyone can love later life

Our vision is ambitious. It won't be easy to get there, and it won't be a quick journey, but we believe it's how things should be for older people and we work every day to achieve this.

Our network

- The Age UK network comprises around 170 local Age UKs reaching most of England.
- Our family also includes <u>Age Cymru</u>, <u>Age NI</u> and <u>Age Scotland</u>, as well
 as <u>Age International</u>, with whom we support vulnerable older people in more
 than 40 countries worldwide."

Taken from website section, "About us/who we are"

Runnymede Trust

http://www.runnymedetrust.org/

Who are they in their own words?

"Runnymede is the UK's leading independent race equality think tank. We generate intelligence for a multi-ethnic Britain through research, network building, leading debate, and policy engagement.

Runnymede is working to build a Britain in which all citizens and communities feel valued, enjoy equal opportunities, lead fulfilling lives, and share a common sense of belonging.

In order to effectively overcome racial inequality in our society, we believe that our democratic dialogue, policy, and practice, should all be based on reliable evidence from rigorous research and thorough analysis.

Our authoritative research-based interventions in social policy and practice, and our public engagement with decision makers, will assist policy-makers, practitioners, and citizens, to reduce the risk of our society being blighted by racism and discrimination to the detriment of us all.

Runnymede is independent and funded by donations. We would like to extend our deep gratitude to our <u>trustees</u>, <u>patrons</u> and <u>supporters</u>, without whose support we could not continue our work.

Runnymede is a registered charity. No. 1063609"

Taken from website section, "About us."

Stonewall

http://www.stonewall.org.uk/

Who are they in their own words?

"Stonewall was founded in 1989 by a small group of women and men who had been active in the struggle against Section 28 of the Local Government Act.

Section 28 was an offensive piece of legislation designed to prevent the so-called 'promotion' of homosexuality in schools; as well as stigmatising lesbian, gay and bisexual people it also galvanised the LGBT community.

The aim from the outset was to create a professional lobbying group that would prevent such attacks on lesbians, gay men and bisexual people from ever occurring again. Stonewall has subsequently put the case for equality on the mainstream political agenda by winning support within all the main political parties and now has offices in England, Scotland and Wales.

Stonewall is renowned for its <u>campaigning and lobbying</u>. Some major successes include helping achieve the equalisation of the age of consent, lifting the ban on LGB people serving in the military, securing legislation allowing same-sex couples to adopt and the repeal of Section 28. More recently Stonewall has helped secure civil partnerships and then equal marriage and ensured the recent Equality Act protected lesbian, gay and bisexual people in terms of goods and services.

Stonewall's <u>Education for All</u> campaign, launched in January 2005, helps tackle homophobia and homophobic bullying in schools and works with a wide coalition of groups.

The trading name of Stonewall is Stonewall Equality Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with company number 02412299."

Taken from website section, "About us" (edited).

Alzheimer's Society UK?

http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/

Who are they in their own words?

"Alzheimer's Society is a <u>membership organisation</u>, which works to improve the quality of life of people affected by <u>dementia</u> in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Many of our 20,000 members have personal experience of dementia, as carers, health professionals or people with dementia themselves, and their experiences help to inform our work."

We are the leading support and research charity for <u>people with dementia</u>, their families and <u>carers</u>."

"In 2015 there will be <u>850,000 people with dementia in the UK</u>, with numbers set to rise to 1 million by 2025. The Society's fight for a better world for people with <u>all types of dementia</u> takes a wide range of forms. Through our network of <u>local services</u>, we touch the lives of over 30,000 people every week, providing practical services and <u>support</u> for people with dementia and their <u>carers</u>."

"Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers provide both local information and over 2,000 services across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to people affected by dementia in their communities. Our local services include day care and home care for people with dementia, as well as support and befriending services to help partners and families cope with the demands of caring. From Dementia Cafés and innovative Singing for the Brain sessions to memory-book projects and group outings, our services provide both practical support and an essential point of human contact."

Taken from website section "About us/who are we...what we do." (Edited).

Royal National Institute for the Blind

http://www.rnib.org.uk/

Who are they in their own words?

"We're the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and we're here for everyone affected by sight loss. Whether you're losing your sight or you're blind or partially sighted, our practical and emotional support can help you face the future with confidence.

Whether you need advice on <u>staying in work</u>, <u>using technology</u> to help you do everyday tasks, or simply someone who can offer<u>emotional support</u> to help you come to terms with sight loss.

We're RNIB and we're here from the moment you're diagnosed to help you get on with your life. From the day when you need us the most, until the day you're living your life again.

With your support, we can reach more blind and partially sighted people and face the future with confidence together."

Taken from website section "About RNIB."

Vision North Somerset

https://visionnorthsomerset.wordpress.com/

Who are we in their own words?

"Vision North Somerset provide the following services for visually impaired people:

Resource and Information Centre

Hospital Information Service (supported by volunteers)

Registration of Blind and Partially Sighted people

Rehabilitation

Help for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

We recruit, train and support over 100 volunteers to help us provide:

Social and activity Clubs

Home Visiting Service (Befriending)

Benefits Advice"

Taken from website section "About us" (edited).

Action on Hearing Loss

http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/

Action on Hearing Loss is the new name for RNID.

Who are they in their words?

"We're experts in providing support for people with hearing loss and tinnitus."

- We provide day-to-day care for people who are deaf and have additional needs.
- We supply communication services and training.
- We offer practical advice to help people protect their hearing.
- We campaign to change public policy around hearing loss issues.
- We support research into an eventual cure for hearing loss and tinnitus.

And whether it's <u>checking your own hearing</u>, <u>helping someone with hearing loss</u>, <u>raising vital funds</u> or <u>spreading the word</u>, there are countless ways for you to get involved."

Taken from website section "What we do."

Sport England

https://www.sportengland.org

Who are they in their words?

"Sport England is committed to helping people and communities across the country create sporting habits for life.

This means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people playing sport and creating opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Currently over 15.3 million people play sport once a week, every week. That is over 1.4 million more than when London won the bid to host the 2012 Games but we want this number to increase.

We are particularly focused on getting more 14-25-year-olds and disabled people playing sport once a week.

In January 2012 we launched our <u>current strategy</u> and outlined the work that we will do over this five-year period to increase the number of people playing sport".

Taken from website sections "What we do" and "About us."

Fawcett Society

http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk

Who are they in their words?

"Fawcett is the UK's leading charity campaigning for gender equality and women's rights. We have a proud history that we can trace back to the campaign for women's votes.

Today we are the UK's largest independent membership organisation with a dedicated focus on advancing women's equality and rights in modern Britain. We boast a large national <u>member</u> base as well as a formidable network of supporters and allies within academia, politics, the media, business and the professions".

"We believe that as a society we will be stronger, healthier and happier when all people, women and men, enjoy full equality and respect.

While there is much to be celebrated in women's lives today, the UK's record on women's rights is still poor. Women and girls are exposed to inequality, discrimination and harassment, and face significant barriers to achieving their full potential".

Taken from website section "About us" and "Why we are here".

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