

# **CHARTER FOR INVOLVEMENT**



**National Involvement Network**

## WHO HAS WRITTEN THE CHARTER?

The Charter has been written by members of the National Involvement Network (NIN).

We are a group of people who get support from different social care organisations across Scotland.

We have been meeting since 2007 to share ideas about things that matter to us and to promote involvement.

We wrote the Charter because:

- everyone isn't asked their views
- everyone isn't involved
- everyone isn't getting the support they need to be involved

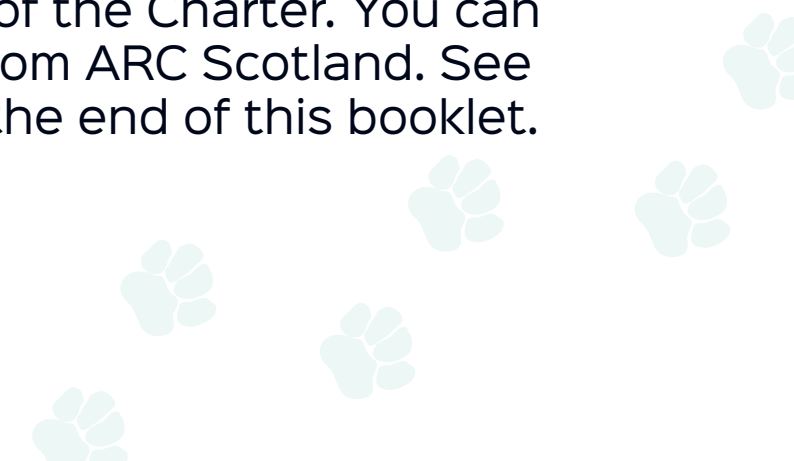
## WHAT IS THE CHARTER?

The Charter for Involvement shows how people who use support services want to be involved:

- in the services we get
- in the organisations that provide our services
- in our wider communities

**Most importantly, the Charter helps us to be listened to and respected.**

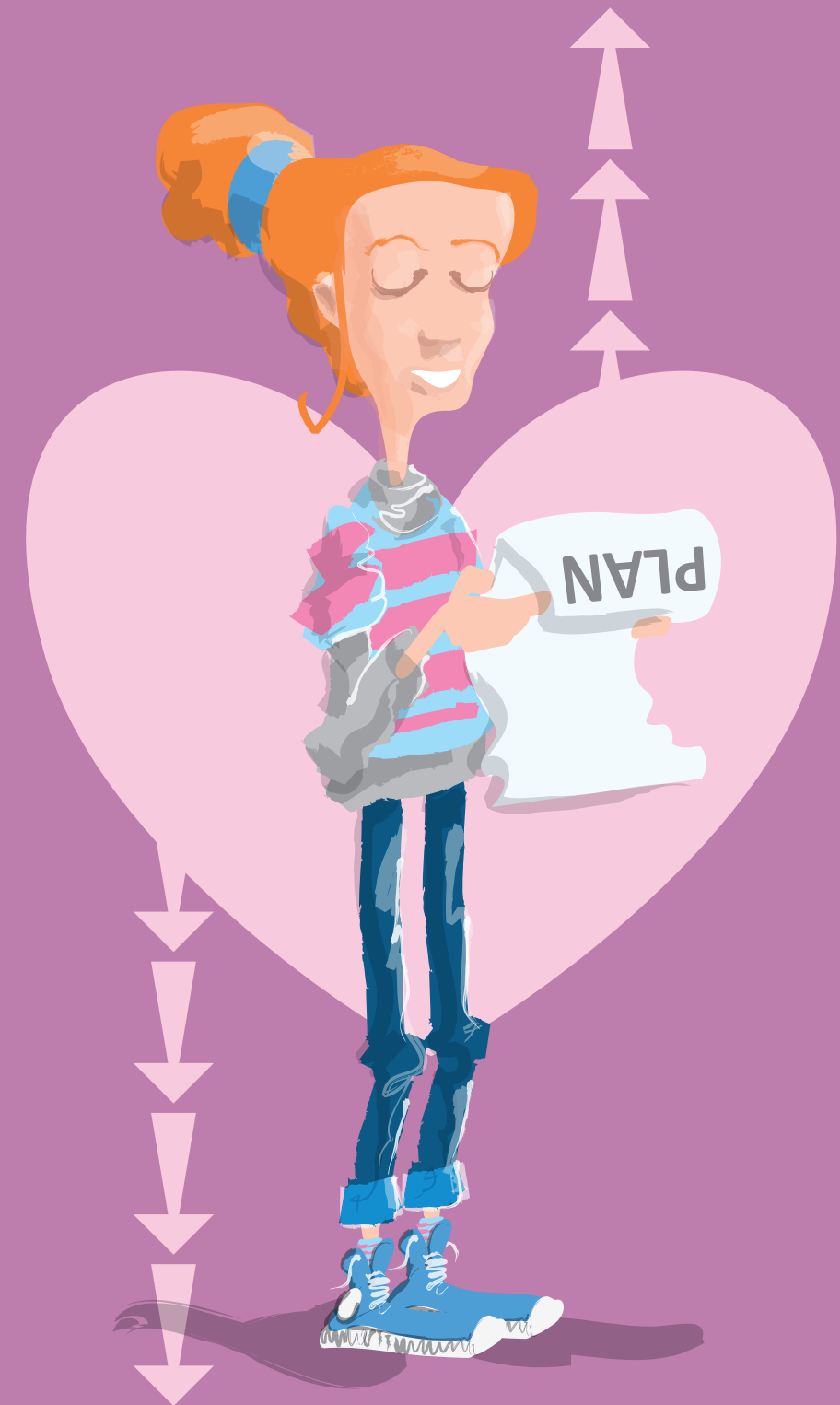
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STATEMENT

# No. 1

“ We must be at the  
**heart** of any plans  
about **our** lives ”



STATEMENT

# No. 2

“ We have the **right**  
to live our lives  
**independently** ”





STATEMENT

# No. 3

“ We must be  
**involved** in our  
**communities** ”



STATEMENT

# No. 4

“ We must be able  
to **speak** about  
how our **support**  
is working for us and  
what would be better ”



STATEMENT

# No. 5

“ We want to be  
**involved in choosing**  
the people who  
support us ”



STATEMENT

# No. 6

“

We want to give  
**information** and  
**training** to staff  
at all levels

”



STATEMENT

# No. 7

“ We want to be  
**involved** in writing  
**policies** that affect us  
and making them  
easier to understand

”



STATEMENT

# No. 8

“ We want to be **involved**  
in **decisions** made by  
the organisations that  
plan and run our support

”





STATEMENT

# No. 9

“ We want to be  
**involved in events** run  
by the organisations  
that plan and run  
our support ”



STATEMENT

# No. 10

“

We want to be  
**involved** with  
**‘Speaking-up’**  
groups

”





STATEMENT

# No. 11

“We want to **take part**  
in national and local  
**campaigns**”



STATEMENT

# No. 12

“ We have the **right**  
to make formal  
**complaints**  
if we need to

”



## WHY IS THE TIGER ON THE COVER?

We chose to put a tiger on the cover because it makes us feel more powerful.

**You don't mess with a tiger.**



## WHAT WE WANT TO HAPPEN

We want organisations to sign up to the Charter and promise to put the Statements into practice.

We want people who receive support to be able to get much more involved in the organisations that support us.

We want to have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Most of all, we want to be **listened** to and **respected**.



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