

## How You Can Help

With the current financial climate, funding the service has become increasingly difficult and your fundraising support is much appreciated to help us maintain and grow the service.

### Fundraising ideas

★ Organize a fundraising event such as a coffee morning, fashion show, talent show, dress down day, auction or a ball

★ Sponsored silence, dramatic haircut or waxing, fancy dress party, car boot sale, movie night, dance-off, Wii tournament

★ Enter a marathon, sponsored swim or sports event with Steps as your chosen charity (Ask us for a personalized t-shirt)

★ Help us by just spreading the word to your family, friends and colleagues!

## Contact Us

Please visit [www.stepscharity.org](http://www.stepscharity.org) or join our Facebook page to learn more about us.



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**SPECIAL TOYS EDUCATIONAL  
POSTAL SERVICE**

Charity No. 1115505.

Steps is a registered charity.

Our aims are very 'simple'.

We want to make every day a play day for children and young people who cannot play independently.

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“We passionately believe that no child should be denied the benefits of play because of a disability”  
Ruth, Trustee



Steps Charity has been helping to make children's lives more fun, nationwide, for over 20 years. Families can loan from our extensive library of over 4,000 specially adapted toys and switches for their child to enjoy in the comfort of home.

## Who We Help

The adapted toys and switch library has been designed to help children who have been diagnosed with mild to profound developmental delays, hearing or visual impairment or a physical condition such as cerebral palsy.

Many of us take for granted how our children use all their senses, whilst playing with their toys, to explore the world around them. Many children with learning and physical disabilities are unable to play independently without the help of a carer working the toy on their behalf.

The result of these multiple disability means for some that they can not experience the simple of play. All children enjoy playing and so much learning gets done in the meantime. Why should children with disabilities miss the opportunity to be stimulated and developed to their full potential?

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## What We Do

The experienced Steps staff work closely with the parent, carer or child's support network to learn about the child and to match toys which will maximize a child's abilities and enjoyment.

The toy library is full of specialized and mainstream toys which have been adapted so that, by using an external switch, children can play with the toys by switching, blowing, or using whatever movement they have.



Nursery Rhymes CD player and external switch

## How It Works

The toys and external switches have lights, sound and textures to encourage interaction and reward the child for their efforts. The staff choose from the extensive library of over 4,000 toys and switches and the equipment is posted out for the child and family to enjoy.

## About Steps

Steps is a registered charity which has been helping children for over 20 years. The extensive toy and switch library is funded by fundraising and donations, alongside sustainability plans for a membership scheme and a social enterprise which adapts toys on request.

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