

1944
Disabled Persons Act

1946

- National Health Service Act
- National Insurance Act
- Association of Parents of Backward Children formed by Judy Fryd

1948
United Nations Human Rights Charter

1952

- Association acquired its first head office in Chancery Lane
- First short-stay home for respite opened by Association

1954
National Association of Teachers of Mentally Handicapped

1955

- Report on Mental Deficiency hospitals in London, from the Kings Fund
- Name changed to National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children – forerunner of MENCAP

1956

- Piercy Report on training and resettlement of disabled persons
- North West London Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, parent body for Camden Society

1957

- By the end of the year the Society had 200 local branches with 12,000 members – the parent organisation of the Camden Society was one of these
- Royal Commission on law relating to mental illness and mental deficiency

1958
Disabled Persons (Employment) Act

1959
Mental Health Act

1961
Enoch Powell, 'The Father of Care in the Community', announces rundown of long-stay institutions

1963
'Health & Welfare' report urging Local Authorities to develop community services

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1976

- Camden Society acquires its first group home, in Gloucester Ave, housing 6 adults from July
- Swiss Cottage School opens

1975

- The Union of Physically Impaired Against Segregation (UPIAS) and the Disability Alliance, two grass roots organisations of disabled people, publish the 'Fundamental Principles of Disability'
- The Pathways Scheme begins, run by the National Society for Mentally Handicapped to help train people into work

1974
Toy Library opens

1973
'Do We Care Enough?' Camden Council's hostel plan for learning disabled people published. Local government funding cuts of 1974 make the plans inoperable

1971

- Department of Health and Social Security publish guidelines for 'better services for the mentally handicapped'
- United Nations recognition of the rights of 'mentally retarded persons'
- Government measures mean Junior Training Centres are 'absorbed' into Further Education Colleges

1970

- Education (Handicapped children) Act
- Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act required Local Authorities to find and keep records of the number of disabled people in their area

1968

- Club moves to Montefiore Hall, at the Council of Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St Johns Wood
- Ministry of Health publish 'model of good practice' for training centres

1966
Gateway Club opens on 2nd February. 9 members meeting at St Mary the Virgin Church in Primrose Hill

1964

- Borough of Camden formed from Holborn, Hampstead and St Pancras.
- Camden Society for Mentally Handicapped Children formed from previous organisation, with facilities in Winchester Rd

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1977

- Camden Society leaves Winchester Rd and moves to Belsize Rd. Toy Library moves to Fleet Rd
- First paid worker joins the Society, Viv Davies

1978

- Chetwynd Rd group home opens
- 106 Sydney St, Brightlingsea bought as an activity centre
- The Warnock Report on education establishes a category of children with 'special needs'
- Pearson Report on civil liberties

1979

- KIDS Family Support Centre opens, with support from the Society
- West Hampstead group home opens

1980

- The Kings Fund publish 'An Ordinary Life'
- The World Health Organisation publish an expanded version of the classification of impairment, disability and handicap
- GROWTH set up – a steering group to develop the employment service

1981

- Education Act, introduces statements
- Disabled Persons Act
- 245 Royal College St opens as offices and a training and resource centre

1982
Speaking for Ourselves, first conference of the MENCAP London Division Participation Forum, forerunner of People First movement

1978

- Name changes from Camden Society for Mentally Handicapped Children to Camden Society for the Mentally Handicapped
- A report from the Kings Fund claims up to 400 residents of Harperbury Hospital could leave and live in the community. Harperbury claims only 250 are capable of supported community living. Far fewer leave in fact

1979

- Grants from Camden Council and central government drop from £30,000 in 1979 to just £400
- By this year the Society is housing 40 learning disabled people, as many as Camden Council

1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982

1987

- Name changes to Camden Society for People with Learning Difficulties
- The Society has 64 full, part time & sessional staff
- Modern day structure for clubs with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night club structure

1986

- 'Images of Possibility' campaign launched
- Applejacks begins operation in October

1985

- Applejacks opens
- 'Living Like Other People' published by the Independent Development Council for people with Mental Handicap
- The LinC (Living in Camden) pilot scheme – to coordinate the return to community of long-stay residents of St Lawrences – begins

1984

- First international self-advocacy leadership conference, hosted by People First of Washington in Tacoma, Washington, with 18 delegates from London and Essex
- People First of London and Thames formed

1983

- Mental Health Act
- The 1981 Education Act comes into force, calling for integration of learning disabled students in mainstream schools
- Over 100 volunteers are involved in the Society's many activities

1984

- The Kings Fund publish 'An Ordinary Working Life'
- Applejacks, the Society's ground-breaking training facility, is bought
- First paid director is employed, Jean Wilson

1987 1986 1985 1984 1983

1988

- Education Reform Act establishing a national curriculum with exceptions allowed for learning disabled people
- Disability Work Allowance

1990
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1991
Disability Living Allowance and Working Allowance Act

1993
Disability Grants Act

1995

- Incapacity Benefit replaces Invalidity Benefit
- Disability Discrimination Act

1998
New Deal for Disabled People

1999
Disability Rights Commission Act

2000
Carers and Disabled Children Act

2002
Department of Works and Pensions publish a Green Paper, 'Pathways to Work'

2005
Disability Discrimination Act (Amended)

2006

- Learning Skills council on work placement and funding training at FE
- 'Youth Matters; Next Steps' a report outlining provision for young people with 'complex needs'

2007
Working Together – On the job training

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