

You've made it 4 km in! Whether you're on the infamous park route or one of the riverside paths, I hope you're enjoying your walk so far. There's still plenty more to see!

Hi, I am Andrew from Disability Law Service. We are a charity that has been offering free legal advice and representation for Disabled people since 1975. Our mission is to fight injustice and challenge the inequality and poverty faced by Disabled individuals by ensuring their access to justice and legal rights.

Each year, we support over 5,000 Disabled people through telephone advice, online factsheets, and legal representation. Our core services include legal support in topics including employment, disability discrimination, and community care. Also, we provide accessible resources on welfare benefits, goods and services discrimination, and higher education.

We deliver tailored training for charities and businesses, helping them understand disability law and better serve their Disabled clients and employees while promoting lasting systemic change.

Almost half of people in poverty in the UK are disabled or living in a household with a disabled person. Our free service is essential, especially given the shortage of legal advice centres for Disabled people across the country. Funding from LLST helps us bridge that gap, and support life-changing cases like this one:

Stephanie, a 9-year-old girl living with Down syndrome, autism, and severe hypotonia, faced significant challenges due to inadequate support from her local authority. Despite her increasing needs, her care plan, providing just one hour of daily assistance, had not been reviewed in over two years. This lack of reassessment placed both Stephanie and her mother, Rosie, who suffers from Achilles Tendinopathy, in a precarious situation.

Recognising the escalating risks, Rosie sought help from us. We intervened by urging the local authority to conduct an immediate reassessment of Stephanie's needs and to evaluate Rosie's role as a parent carer. Our advocacy led to a substantial increase in support: Stephanie now receives 14 hours of care per week, along with additional respite care during school holidays, and necessary home adaptations are underway.

Thank you for supporting the London Legal Walk and Disability Law Service. We wouldn't be able to do it without you.