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Additional Support for Learning Information Day Wednesday 15 November

Enquire, the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning, is holding a free information day in Perth on Wednesday 15 November.

This event is a great opportunity for families and professionals to gather advice and information from local and national organisations that work with children with additional support needs and their families.

Charlotte Richards, Enquire's Outreach Development Officer, said: "It's important that parents, carers, children and young people have the information they need to participate fully in decisions about additional support for learning."

Enquire will have two information stalls: one for adults and another for children and young people. Enquire staff will be available to answer questions and provide information and advice about additional support for learning law and guidance. There will also be over 25 other organisations with information stalls at the event, and representatives from Perth and Kinross Council. There will be a children and young people's area with activities, and a performance from the Senior Choir of the New School from 4-5pm.

The event, which is free, takes place from 3-7.30pm at the Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth PH2 0TH. Refreshments will be available.

The Dewar's Centre is fully accessible for wheelchair users. If you have any specific access requirements, contact Charlotte at info@enquire.org.uk or on 0131-222 2425.

Notes for editors:

- Enquire is the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning. It is managed by Children in Scotland and funded by the Scottish Executive. The service is available to parents and carers of children and young people with additional support needs, to children and young people themselves, and to professionals working with them. Enquire offers advice and information by way of a telephone helpline and through written responses to emails and enquiries via the website. It also offers training and talks, produces a range of free publications and has a legal subscription service. Enquire helpline 0845 123 2303 / website www.enquire.org.uk / email info@enquire.org.uk .
- The (Education) Additional Support for Learning Act 2004 replaced the law relating to special educational needs on 14 November 2005. References in law to 'special educational needs' have now ceased. The new concept of 'additional support needs' applies to any child or young person who, for whatever reason, requires additional support, long term or short term, in order to learn and to work to their full potential.
- Children in Scotland is Scotland's national children's agency, bringing together voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals to improve the lives of Scotland's children and their families.