

"For some time the Church has been conscious of the need to find ways of ministering to the spiritual needs of people with learning disability. The principle of Willow Brook is to maximise and to encourage independent living within a Christian environment, whilst emphasising a person's right to privacy and respecting their dignity."

Presbyterian Advisory Panel on Learning Disability

Willow Brook

A supported housing project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Willow Brook

... is an exciting and innovative supported housing scheme in Coleraine for people with a learning disability. An initiative of the Presbyterian Church's Board of Social Witness, the core principles of the scheme include:

- * encouraging independent living, with appropriate help and care available where necessary.
- * the recognition of a person's right to privacy and respect for their dignity.
- * living in a Christian environment.

Accommodation

Willow Brook provides accommodation for nine tenants. Three reside in single bungalow units each with a living room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The other six tenants are housed in two larger buildings each comprising three flatlets with en-suite facilities and closet kitchens, and a large lounge and kitchen. There is additional sleep-over accommodation for a staff member.

Location

Willow Brook is close to the centre of Coleraine situated off Millburn Road in a quiet residential area overlooking the River Bann. Bus and train services to the surrounding area are close by as are shops, post office, banks and local churches.

Management

Willow Brook is managed by the Council for Social Witness (responsible for residential services) and Choice Housing (responsible for the building).

