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My name is Alicia Wood and I was the chief executive of H&SA before it became Learning Disability England. I stood down from my role as CEO in May because I believe that people with learning disabilities and families should be the main people who speak for us, not me. If we see more people with learning disabilities and families speaking to the public, politicians and the media, I think that this will stop people with learning disabilities being invisible and misunderstood.

I now work for Dimensions as Head of Public Affairs. Dimensions is the biggest not for profit provider in England supporting more than 4000 people with learning disabilities. I work with them because they have great values and have created a public affairs team that includes a self advocate and family carer.

I want to be on the representative body because I co-founded LDE and I care about its future. I want to make sure that LDE works in the right way and is as strong as it possibly can be. Part of my new job with Dimensions is to support LDE, so I think that being on the representative body will be a good use of my time.



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I think I would be good on the representative body because I have had a lot of experience in developing and implementing government policy and strategy to help people with learning disabilities have better lives. Over the last 20 years I have done national work to create better housing opportunities, better supported living and better community support and I think that things have changed for the better in our country because of my work and the work of other people.

I am also good at bringing people together and working with people with learning disabilities, families, providers and commissioners to come up with good solutions, solving problems and creating change. This is what LDE is all about!



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