



Learning Disability England

## Learning Disability England Elections Rules



This information sheet tells you the rules for people who want to stand for election to Learning Disability England's Representative Body.



You will have to write a very short manifesto. A manifesto is a bit of writing that tells people who you are and why you think they should vote for you.



You will also be asked to record a short video if you can, but we can help you with this.



You must not spend any money on getting people to vote for you.

This is to make sure that people with not much money have the same chance as people who have lots.



You must not use email lists to ask people to vote for you. This is because not everyone can use those email lists and it would not be fair.

This includes staff email lists in your organisations.



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You must not talk about other people who are running for election in your manifesto.



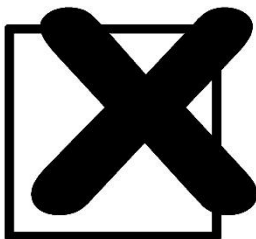
You **are** allowed to vote for yourself.



If there is a tie (where 2 people get the same number of votes) the **Returning Officer** will flip a coin.

The Returning Officer is the independent person who is overseeing the elections.

If we do have to flip a coin, it is important that you respect this decision.



Some ballot papers will be **spoilt ballots**. This means someone has not filled their ballot paper out in the way we've asked them to.

We will ask the Returning Officer to decide whether we can count spoilt ballots.

If the Returning Officer decides that we can't count some votes, it is important that you respect this.



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If you break any of these rules, you might not be able to run in the elections any more.

This will be decided by LDE's Operations Director.

If someone thinks a decision that the Operations Director makes is unfair, the Returning Officer will make the final decision.