



LUCY BURKE

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



My name is Lucy Burke. I am standing for election to the family and friends membership category. My sixteen-year old son Danny has a learning disability. I would like to be on LDE representative body because I want to work with LDE:

- to achieve a more inclusive and accessible society in which young people like my son have choices and access to a range of opportunities and experiences in the community in which they live.
- to secure a future in which schools, youth clubs, local authorities and government departments begin a conversation by asking 'what do you need?' rather than immediately calculating cost or listing everything someone is unable to do.
- to challenge negative attitudes and to fight for cultural change and a society that understands and values diversity in which people with learning disabilities are visible and properly supported to live where they want to live, how they want to live and with whom they want to live.



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I have lots of experience to bring to this role. As a parent, I have years of experience as an advocate for my son. In my job as an academic, I am working on a research project that investigates disabled people's experience of belonging and community in education, work, the arts and leisure with the aim of influencing policy and practice. I was also the chair of the steering committee for a big lottery funded project A Level Playing Field (2013-2016) that supported the inclusion of young disabled people in inner-city youth zones in the North West and I am currently working on the inclusivity and accessibility of the Manchester Generations Together Manifesto project with the city council.

I am asking for your vote because I can offer personal and professional experience, understanding and commitment to this role.

Thank you.



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