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I'm the Valuing People Project Worker covering Ashford, Canterbury, Shepway, Dover and Thanet and also the Campaign Project Worker for the a project in Thanet supporting people who receive little support with eg benefits, finances, housing, social isolation, employment.

I want to be on the LDE Representative Body so that I can share information and experiences that I gather in my roles.

The Valuing People Project supports people with learning disabilities and their families to speak up and be involved in local decision making and to challenge things which are not working. We hold Speaking Up Groups and events across East Kent to enable people to have greater involvement and influence on matters affecting their lives. Events involve self advocates, families, learning disability organisations and statutory and voluntary organisations. I believe these events would be a good way to share information and good practice with LDE and raise awareness of LDE.



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I think I would be a good representative because I link with people from across east Kent and have wide networks with learning disability organisations and service providers, families and carers.

I support self advocates to work in partnership with organisations eg KCC, local Health Providers, Kent Police, HealthWatch and District Councils to raise awareness of issues facing people with learning disabilities and to find ways to make things better. I support representatives on the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board and its Delivery Groups.

I have 25 years experience supporting people with learning disabilities and believe it is important their voices are heard in order to raise awareness of the challenges people face and seek solutions/changes to improve peoples lives.

Michelle is standing for election to represent her organisation, East Kent Mencap.



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