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I believe that there is something worth searching for together that is both compelling and just. This is what I consider Learning Disability England to represent; a courageous ambition to bring people together to create deep and successful connections, a greater understanding and a strong group to raise awareness and create change. Right now this is the best chance we have to achieve what I think we all want: for people to have a great life.

I'd better qualify 'great life', right? I admit to finding it quite hard to do. It's not about everyone being happy or the same. It's about people having full and fair access to an ordinary life with all its highs and lows, and without inequalities such as in health and social care. It also means that people are valued and contribute to our communities - y'know, having a job, making friends and following passions and interests; the real stuff of life! This will require commitment and, at times, a holding of nerve, which I will stay true to.

I currently work as Head of Involvement and Engagement for Dimensions, where the search for meaningful contribution and



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influence is constant, yet new challenges and boundaries continually emerge as we listen to people and their families. That's the way it is.

I hope my experience in working for a common cause alongside others at work - and in life - will help me, if elected, do an honest and effective job for all Learning Disability England members.

Togetherness is what I stand for above all else. I will feel honoured to become a representative for LDE, and with such a privilege comes the responsibility to work hard for all, helping build the 'main stage' for people with learning disabilities, cheered on in unison by their peers, families and the organisations that support them.



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