



Be part of a national self advocacy convention in February 2020?



Last February some of us from across England were in Blackpool for a big meeting about self advocacy



We were there thanks to the North West Regional Self-advocates forum and NWTDT / Pathways team who agreed to host a national self-advocacy convention with Learning Disability England.

This happened at the same time as their very popular annual North West Region self-advocates conference.



There were people there from



10 self-advocacy or human rights organisations from England, one from Wales.

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2 self-advocates working for LDE provider member organisations were there too.



The people who came said it was really good to work together and meet people from other areas.

You can read about the conference and what happened [here](#)



You can watch some films from the conference [here](#)

We know lots more people wanted to come but could not because of time or money



Could you be part of it in 2020?

The North West have said they will host another national conference.

This will happen alongside their North West Regional conference again.



It will be in Blackpool from 25th – 27th February 2020

You can see the flyer [here](#)

There will be room for up to 50 people to come from all over England.

What it will cost

Last year it cost £200 per person for 3 days at the conference including 2 nights in the hotel and meals

It will cost the same for next year.

Groups will need to work out how they can pay for it and travel costs to get there.



Fundraising



In the North West groups and individuals fund raise to help pay for going to the conference.

They will include groups from other areas in their 'All about me' fundraising if you ask them to

You can find the fundraising pack [here](#)

We know some groups are asking their local commissioners if they can help find the money or applying to small grant pots.

If we find any funding opportunities we will let you know too

Keep in touch



What do you think?

Will you let us know if you are interested?

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That way we can keep an eye on how many people are getting the chance to be part of this and help share it out.



Places can be booked from 9th October onwards – it will be on a first come first served basis.

We will keep sharing information on the plans as they develop.