




What will it take for all people with learning disabilities to have a good, ordinary life?

Can we work together to build shared ideas and actions?

 <p>The image shows an open booklet with the words 'easy read' on the left page and a picture of people on the right page. Below the booklet, a man in a blue jacket is pointing to a blank white sheet of paper.</p>	<p>There are 2 parts to this paper</p> <p>Part 1 is an easy read summary</p> <p>Part 2 is a plain English paper with some more detail</p>
 <p>A group of five people, including a woman in a grey suit, a man in a blue cap, a man in a grey suit, a man in a dark suit, and a woman in a pink top, are standing together and talking.</p>	<p>What this is about</p> <p>Learning Disability England wants to work with people, groups and organisations to talk about what we know people with learning disabilities want so they can live a good life.</p>
 <p>A woman in a pink top is shaking hands with a man in a blue suit.</p>	<p>By talking and working together we will help people work out what they agree on and can take action on together.</p>



This must be a plan everyone can get involved in and feel part of.

This must not be a plan only for Learning Disability England but something everyone can use.



Why we are doing this

We are doing this because people have told us there needs to be more joined up action – people working together.

Lots of people told us they want to work with other people or groups to change things.



What Learning Disability England will do

We will help bring people together, connect ideas or pieces of work.

We will start by asking some people with learning disabilities to come to a meeting on 19th February 2020.



At that meeting we will agree with them the most important things to work on and how we should work.

A researcher has helped with make a list of what people say is important. You can read that [here](#)



Learning Disability England can help people meet or join up



We can help with travel costs or finding rooms



What Learning Disability England do not want to do

Learning Disability England will not tell people what to do

We do not want to do this alone

We do not want this to be a Learning Disability England plan or actions

We want this to be something we all can be a part of

We have ideas for how this can work but we will check them out with self-advocates at the meeting in February



Next steps

Please tell us if you want to be part of this and any good work you want to share with others

You can do that by coming to the meeting in February or by phoning or e mailing our office



Or you can fill in a short survey on line <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/goodlives2020>



We are inviting people to the self-advocates meeting in February.

If you want to know more about that please contact us

We will be in touch in March about what the self-advocates meeting agreed



How to find out more

You can contact us at

info@LDEngland.org.uk

or 0300 1110444

Part 2 Plain English

What this is about

Learning Disability England wants to work with people, groups and organisations to talk about we know people with learning disabilities want for a good life.

By talking and working together we will help people work out what they agree on and can take action on together.

The joint action might be campaigning for policy or legal changes.

Or it could be working together on ideas that we can make happen as organisations or groups of people.

It will be up to the people and organisations who get involved to work out what as many people as possible can agree on and take action together.

We are not consulting on what needs to happen – we think people have been clear on that.

We have written an easy read summary of what we found from checking research and other things people have written. You can read that [here](#)

Our plan is that this is about all people with learning disabilities and all parts of life. This will include people in ATUs or specialist services but also everyone else.

We hope autistic people will connect to this joint work too where it makes sense to them.

Why we are doing this

We are doing this because people have told us there needs to be more joined up action – people working together.

Lots of people told us they want to work with other people or groups to change things.

Learning Disability England's Representative Body talked about this and said they think this is something we should spend time on. We applied for a grant to help us do this work. Esme Fairburn Foundation has given us some money for extra staff time to help make this happen.

Learning Disability England was set up to be a louder voice together and our membership is organised to try to support that.

We have individual and organisation members. We also have partnerships with other organisations.

We will ask anyone who gets involved if they can help involve other people or if they know of good work that could be included in this.

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We will start by asking some people with learning disabilities to come to a meeting. At that meeting we will agree with them the most important things to work on and how we should work.

We will share the information the academics network has given us on what research or other papers say is important.

We will ask people to work together on this project – that will mean people with different experiences or jobs working together to come up with actions they all agree on.

We can

- give some staff time to help with this work
- ask our members to help people to meet up (rooms or travel costs)
- use some funding we have to help people join in

We will make sure the work people have done already is included and built on where a broad group of people agree they want more of it. This is why we will ask everyone to share what they think is working or there should be more of.

What we do not want to do

We do not want to stop or control anything anyone is doing.

We don't want this to be Learning Disability England's plan or action on our own.

We do not want to do this alone

We do not want people to think it is consultation and Learning Disability England decides what happens– this is about us all coming together to debate and take action.

Our ideas for how we can all work together

The Rep Body in Learning Disability England spoke about what we think is important in how we ask everyone to work together.

We will talk about these at the meeting in February with self-advocates – they will be changed based on what people say.

The ideas are

- What is important to people with learning disabilities will lead what happens
- We will work on finding out what people share or agree on
- We will ask everyone to respect other people's ideas and experiences
- We will be focusing on what important changes we can make together (not for our own or organisation's gain)
- People can still do other work they think is important outside of this
- Everyone will be asked to share and not just take from each other

We will ask the self-advocate leaders for ideas on how we sort out when people do not agree.

What we are doing next

In January 2020 the Representative Body Co Chairs will write to people about this work and ask them how they could get involved

In February self-advocates working in different parts of the country will meet and decide the big plan

Learning Disability England will put together the ideas and feedback from everyone into a big plan

In March 2020 we will send out the plan and ideas to everyone who has said they want to be involved so far.

We will also have a meeting for Learning Disability England members who want to talk about the plans or find out more.

Next steps

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