
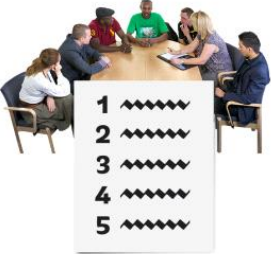


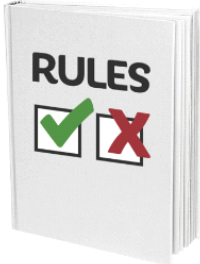


Learning Disability England Representative Body Elections 2020

	<p>What this is about?</p>
  	<p>Learning Disability England is looking for members who want to join our Representative Body.</p> <p>You will represent the members.</p> <p>That means you will listen to what they say is important.</p> <p>Then you will talk about this at the Representative Body meetings.</p> <p>And you will tell the members what was talked about at the meetings. You will tell them what was decided.</p>
	<p>Like all charities, Learning Disability England has legal rules.</p> <p>These rules say how we must work as a charity.</p>

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Our rules say that there is a Representative Body of 12 members.

Representative Body members make sure Learning Disability England's work is what our members say is most important.

Representative Body members make sure the way we do our work includes everyone.



This information pack tells you about being a Representative Body member of Learning Disability England.

It also tells you how to stand for election.



The Representative Body members at the moment are:

Vicky Buckingham, Lynn Jackson, Jordan Smith, Lorna Ely, Lucy Burke, Sheila Moorcroft, Claire Crossley, Wendy Burt, Alicia Wood, Scott Watkin, David Abbey, Rob Greig.

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There will be six places on our Representative Body in this election.



All our Members will have a vote to choose who these new six Representative Body members will be.



Thank you for your interest.

We hope you will apply to join us or get in touch to find out more.

Contact us if you have questions

Phone 0300 1110444

Email: elections@LDENland.org.uk



Learning Disability England

About Learning Disability England and how we work



Learning Disability England is a membership organisation.



We work to make life better with people with learning disabilities and their families.



We do this by sharing ideas and working with our organisational and individual members.

We connect people and ideas to make things happen.

Our members' skills and experience help make services stronger and society fairer.



Learning Disability England wants to be like a megaphone.

We take people's voices and help make them louder.



We do not speak for people with learning disabilities because we know that they can speak for themselves.

We know people with learning disabilities speaking for themselves will change the way society sees them.



Learning Disability England

How we work with all our members



Learning Disability England is here to connect all the good work and spread it further.

We know that if we all work together we can achieve more.



We have different kinds of membership.

This is to give good value for individuals and organisations of all sizes.



This is to try to make sure anyone can be involved and share resources and skills.



Learning Disability England members bring ideas, skills, money and experience.

Members work together to support joint work on change.



People with Learning Disabilities and their families lead that change.







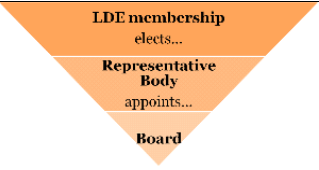


We want to model our values by bringing together people, families and professionals.

We want them to make decisions together in the governance of the organisation.

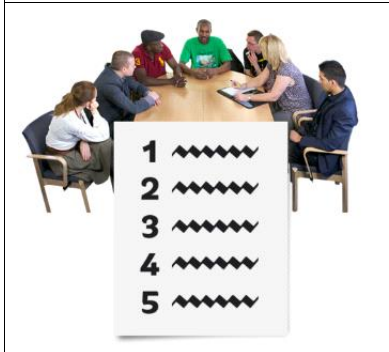


Governance means the rules about how Learning Disability England is run.

	<p>We do that through the Representative Body and how they work with the Trustees and staff.</p>
 <p>Learning Disability England</p>	<p>Our legal rules and how we work as an organisation</p>
	<p>Learning Disability England's legal rules say how we will work and make decisions.</p>
	<p>We want to work so that people with learning disabilities and their families have more power and control over the work we do.</p> <p>One way we do this is by having the Representative Body.</p>
	<p>The Representative Body are elected by the members.</p>
	<p>The Representative Body is made up of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with Learning Disabilities • Family members and allies • People who work in organisations
 <p>LDE membership elects... Representative Body appoints... Board</p>	<p>The rules say the Trustees and Representative Body members need to work together for the good of the members and what the charity is here to do.</p>



An example of how the two fit together is that both the Representative Body and the Trustees need to agree the rules for who can be a member.



It is important the 2 groups work well together and make decisions.

This makes sure Learning Disability England can do its job well.



You can see more about how we work and a simple version of our legal rules on our website [HERE](#)







Being a Rep Body member at Learning Disability England



The legal rules say the Representative Body will be made up of elected representatives and other members or staff.

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- These are:
- 4 people with learning disability members who are also Individual Members
 - 4 Members who are also Friends and Family Members

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	<p>The Representative Body members are volunteers and do not get paid for being on the Representative Body.</p> <p>They get paid their expenses for when they are doing work for learning Disability England.</p>
 	<p>Representative Body members have to be able to come to 4 meetings a year.</p> <p>We need Representative Body members who will talk to other members and get involved in other work with LDE in between.</p>
	<p>The Rep Body elect 3 Co Chairs every 2 years.</p>
	<p>There is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 self-advocate Co Chair • 1 family and friend Co Chair • 1 organisation and supporter Co Chair



How the Representative Body members need to work










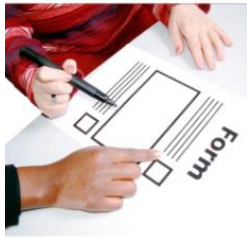
The legal rules set out the important things the Representative Body need to think about or how they need to act in doing their job.



It says that the Representative Body will:

- Work with The Board and the other members in an open and flexible way so that the right things get agreed and get done.
- Meet at least four times in each year, or as often as the Representative Body and the Board agree is needed.
- Work the with Board on anything both groups think is needed. Areas of work can come from other members or The Board.
- Take the lead for choosing the Trustee Board members. The way Board members are chosen will be decided by The Board and agreed by the Representative Body.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the lead for deciding how future members of the Representative Body are chosen. The way future Representative Body members are chosen will be agreed by The Board.
 <p>Learning Disability England</p>	<p>What we think is important for being a Representative Body member of Learning Disability England</p>
	<p>We are looking for people who want to join us in helping Learning Disability England to do its job well.</p>
 	<p>The most important things are for everyone who is involved to agree to and support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Disability England's aims and values • Working in partnership to make decisions in partnership with the Trustee Board who have the legal responsibilities
	<p>You can read about some of these on our website HERE.</p>
 <p>Learning Disability England</p>	<p>What to do next if you are interested</p>



Fill out our Expression of Interest (Application) Form. You can find this on our website or email us on: elections@LDEngland.org.uk.



You can ask someone else to help you to fill in this form.



Please tell us on the form about any extra help or support you might need.



Please make sure you put your email address and a phone number on your form.



The Representative Body election process



We want to know about your skills and talents – the things you are good at.

We want to know how you will make sure you will listen to our members and stay in touch with them.



Please don't worry about this. We don't expect you to be good at everything.

If you are elected, the other Representative Body members will help you too. You will work as a team.

We will make sure you have some help and support with your application if you need it. Just tell us how we can help.



The first stage is to fill in your Expression of Interest (Application) Form.

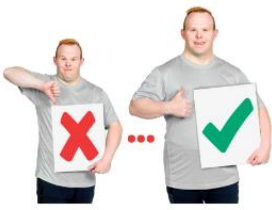




You can download a copy from our website and fill it in online.

You will need to answer two questions on your Expression of Interest Form:

- What skills and talents do you bring?
- How will you represent and connect to our members?

Tell us if you need some help to fill in your form.

You need to send your Expression of Interest (Application) Form back to us by 5pm on 30 March 2020.

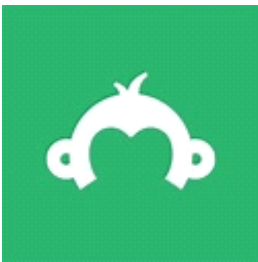
	<p>Our Sub Group will choose people for the shortlist from the answers they have given to the two questions on their Expression of Interest (Application) Form.</p> <p>We will let everyone know if they are on the shortlist or not by 5pm on Friday 24th April.</p>
	<p>If you are on the shortlist, we will then ask you to make a short video clip about yourself.</p> <p>Your video clip will help Members to decide whether to vote for you.</p>
	<p>Your video clip should show you talking.</p> <p>You should talk about why you want to be on the Representative Body.</p>
	<p>You should talk about why people should vote for you.</p> <p>Please don't worry about making your video clip. Just let us know if you need some help and support.</p>
	<p>Video Clips must be returned to us by 5pm on Friday 22nd May 2020.</p>

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The Election (Voting) Period is between Monday 1st June and Sunday 21st June 2020.

Voting will be done online using SurveyMonkey.

This will make sure the counting is right. This will make sure the results are fair.

During the Election (Voting) Period, all the Members will be able to read your Expression of Interest (Application) Form and see your Video Clip. This is called your Manifesto.

Members will not be able to see your personal information like your address.

Members will vote on who they most want to be on the Representative Body.

They will have to do this by 5pm on Sunday 21st June 2020.



We will let all the shortlisted applicants know the results on Wednesday 24th June 2020.



We will let all the members know the results on Wednesday 1st July 2020.



If you have been voted on to our Representative Body you will be invited to our Induction Days.

Induction Days are like a training course to explain more about being on the Representative Body.



We will talk to you to make sure you get all the help and support you need.



If you have any questions or need any help, please email us on:

elections@LDEngland.org.uk



or telephone us on 0300 111 0444.



Good Luck with your application!