



Learning Disability England

# Shaping Future Support: Green Paper Consultation

## Learning Disability England Member's Response

### Easy Read Summary

	<p>Shaping Future Support is a new government <b>green paper</b></p>
	<p>What is a <b>green paper</b>?</p> <p>A green paper is the first step in making a new law or policy</p> <p>The government shares its ideas and the public tell them what they think</p>
	<p>The green paper is about:</p>



- Looking at how the benefits system can meet the needs of disabled people
- Build a system that helps people to live independently and move into work
- If money is currently well spent to make sure the system works well and can keep working in the future.



[You can read more about the green paper here](#)



This is a summary about what LDE members thought about the green paper

We talked to members in 3 different sessions.

Some organisations sent us their responses.



Here are some of the headlines from what people told us



Members said the benefits system needs to be made simple



The benefits system shouldn't make people so stressed and anxious.



To make it easier there should be less forms and assessments.

People should get reasonable adjustments, like easy read forms.



Members think the government needs to make bigger changes too.

They think the government should invest in people, communities, and systems.



People should get enough benefits so they can live good lives.



Members talked about getting a job.



They think its important we all value the things of people with learning disabilities can do.

Lots of people volunteer and help their communities.

Having a job isn't the only way for people to be part of their community.



People want to have good quality, meaningful jobs that they can be in for a long time



There are some people who cant work or would find it very difficult to work.

These people shouldn't be pushed into work



There are some short term changes members talked about:

People talked about finding Job Centre staff pushy, rude, and aggressive.



People felt they were being pushed into roles they didn't want.

They felt the job centre was for sanctions not helping people find a job.



They want staff to be better at working with disabled people and finding meaningful jobs.



They would like to see the government give more funding to programmes to get people into work.



The system needs to help people get back on benefits quickly if they must leave their job.

People worry about having to apply for benefits all over again.



They worry they will have less money if they start working.



Members worried if the government doesn't make these changes, 'pushing' people into work is just '*setting them up to fail*'.