

# Learning Disability England Representative Body Elections 2022

## Voting



Learning Disability England is a membership organisation.



That means **big important decisions are made by members**. The members Representative Body lead on that for other members.



The Representative (Rep) Body elections start on 30 May.

People are standing for election to fill 6 places to be **your** member Reps.



The Reps you choose will represent **you** and help you have a voice.

We call the people you vote for the Representative (Rep) Body.



[Find out more about the Rep Body here](#)

[Listen to Wendy talk about being on the Rep Body here](#)



This paper tells you how you can get a vote as an individual, group or organisational member.

## How do the elections work?



Every member of Learning Disability England has one vote.

Each member can vote for **one** person.



Individual members have one vote.

Group and organisational members have one vote.



This makes sure that power is shared across all the members and no one group or organisation has a louder voice.



Self advocate members (people with a learning disability) will vote for the 2 self advocate representatives.

People with learning Disabilities



Family and friends members will vote for the 2 family and friends representatives.

Families and Friends



Paid supporter members will vote for the 2 paid supporter representatives.

Organisations and Professionals

## How to use your vote



Voting starts at 9am on Monday 30th May 2022.



Voting ends at 9am on Monday 27th June 2022.



Members will be sent a link to your email address at **9am on Monday 30th May** so you can vote on Survey Monkey.



Group and organisational members will have their voting link sent to the Chief Executive or lead contact's email address.



Survey Monkey is a web site – you just need to click on the link in the email to vote.



Decide who you want to vote for by watching the videos or reading the written statements.



Click on the check box next to the person's name then click 'submit' to place your vote.



You can only vote for **one** person.



You can ask someone you trust to help you.

This is OK.



You can **only use your email address once** to vote in the elections on Survey Monkey.



So if you let someone else vote use your email address and link (for example a self advocate you were helping), you will not be able to use it to vote yourself.



It is OK to do this. We just need to let you know how to do both votes.

If you are planning to do this, **please let us know as soon as possible** so we can make sure you can both vote.



Email us at:  
[elections@LDEngland.org.uk](mailto:elections@LDEngland.org.uk)

## How do I choose who to vote for?



Remember, you are choosing the person you think will represent you best and help make sure your voice is heard.



Each person standing for election has made a short video and a written statement.



The video and the written statement say the same thing.

This is so you can choose the format that is best for you.



You should watch each person's video or read their written statement to help you to decide whether to vote for them.

You can watch the videos and read the written statements as many times as you want to help you choose.



Just click on the links underneath each person's name on Survey Monkey in the link we will send you.



We asked everyone to include two things to help you decide.

These things are:



Tell everyone a bit about yourself and why you want to stand for election.



How will you make sure you listen to the views of other members?

### Proxy votes



You can ask someone else to place your vote for you.

This is called a **proxy vote**.



You need to fill out the proxy vote form to do this.

[Click here for the proxy vote form](#)



If you have any questions about proxy votes please email [elections@LDEngland.org.uk](mailto:elections@LDEngland.org.uk).

Or phone 0300 111 0444.

### Postal votes



If you will find it hard to vote using Survey Monkey, you can ask for a postal vote.



Ask for a postal vote by emailing [elections@LDEngland.org.uk](mailto:elections@LDEngland.org.uk) or phoning 0300 111 0444.

We will send you a paper copy of the voting form and a stamped addressed envelope.



The deadline for postal votes to arrive at our office is 9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Canvassing



We want the voting to be based on what the people standing for election say in their videos and written statements.



So we are asking that you do not canvass for any of the people who are standing for election.

Canvass means trying to get support for someone so they get more votes.



This means you do not say to people 'vote for this person'.

This includes posting on social media asking your friends to vote for a particular person.



This is because we want members to vote based on what people say in their videos and written statements.



Thank you for your help in making the election as fair as possible.

### Important Dates



You have to vote **before 9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

The voting website will close then.



We will tell all members the results on Monday 4th July.

We will send a special e mail telling you who the new reps are.



When this happens, the results are not a secret.

You can tell anyone you like.



There are 2 places on the Representative Body in each group.



The 2 people with the highest number of votes in each group will be invited to join the Representative Body.



We will put information about the people who have been elected on the Learning Disability England website.





This will include their names and their photos.



The people who have been elected will be invited to their first meeting of the Representative Body on 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

### Contact Us



If you have any questions about voting or membership, please phone us on 0300 111 0444.



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Thank you.