



## **POLICY AND POLITICS FOR GOOD LIVES**



### **Learning Disability England Annual Conference 2024**

Leeds: Wednesday 7th February 2024  
London: Wednesday 14th February 2024  
Online: Wednesday 21st February 2024



### **Politics and Policy: Influencing and Leading change**

#### **Agenda and Speaker Information**


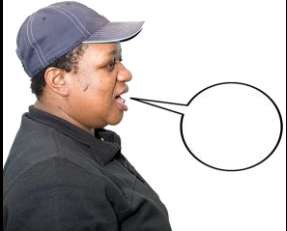
**21st February 2024 . 10am – 4pm . Virtual Conference**







**Sharing examples of influencing and creating policy for Good Lives and engaging in politics and campaigning.**







Learning Disability England conference: Politics and Policy: Influencing and Leading change –  
Online Agenda and Speaker Information


Time		Morning Sessions
10am		<p><b>Welcome from the Conference - Co-chairs</b></p>
10.10am		<p>Keynote  <b>Minority Voices: Amplifying the voices of people with profound and complex disabilities in policy making</b>            Rachel Wright Founder/Director Born at the Right Time</p>
10.40am		<p>Keynote  <b>People with learning disabilities and their family from minority ethnic communities</b>            Ramandeep Kaur</p>

<p><b>11am</b></p>		<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>11.10am</p>		<p><b>Working Across Parliament for Shared Aims</b>          Matthew Spencer, Nathan Jones and Hope Lightowler Co-Chairs of the APPG Working Group</p>
<p>11.55am</p>		<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>
<p>12pm</p>		<p><b>Session close</b></p>

Afternoon Sessions		
2pm		<b>Welcome from the Co chairs</b>
2.20pm		<b>Representation and post inquest actions campaigns</b> Aniesha Obuobie and Will Lewallen, Inquest
2.50pm		<b>Break</b>
		

3pm		<p><b>Campaigning with local groups and social care charging campaign</b> Jon Abrams Inclusion London</p>
3.20pm		<p><b>Transport for All National Campaigns</b> Transport for All's CEO, Caroline Stickland</p>
3.40pm		<p><b>Building shared messages - The Good Lives Manifesto</b> Gary Bourlet and Rachael Hall, Learning Disability England</p>
4pm		<p><b>Session close</b></p>

This agenda and the speakers could change. We will update it if there are any changes right up to the day before the conference.

Welcome	Conference Co-Chairs TBC
<p>Keynotes</p> <p><b>Minority Voices: Amplifying the voices of people with profound and complex disabilities in policy making</b></p> <p>Rachel Wright Founder/Director Born at the Right Time</p> <p>People with complex neurodisability make up 0.1% of population and use over 5% of the total health budget in Paediatrics. They require a trisector response from health, social care and SEND.</p>	
 <div data-bbox="212 1193 609 1273" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Rachel Wright</b></p> </div>	<p>Rachel Wright is a qualified nurse, Founder/Director of Born at the Right Time and Executive Board member for ComplexUs. She's the author of The Skies I'm Under, host of the popular The Skies We're Under Podcast, Peer Leader, Personalised Care Ambassador and parent of a young man with complex neurodisabilities.</p> <p>Born at the Right Time puts the lived experience of families at the heart of its work and is passionate about improving lives through parent/carer support, CPD-certified training for practitioners and influencing policy makers and providers. ComplexUs is made up of specialists in their professional fields and experts by experience as primary caregivers. It is a collective voice working in partnership with practitioners, commissioners, and policy makers to pioneer credible solutions to a system which is not currently fit for purpose for those with complex neurodisabilities and their families.</p>

## **People with learning disabilities and their family from minority ethnic communities**

Keynote

Ramandeep Kaur

Key focus points: I will be focusing on the lack of diversity amongst campaigners, civil servants, policy makers and DPO's and how this impacts the outcomes of people with learning disabilities from minoritized ethnic groups.

Some of the examples I will use are from recent campaigns which excluded the voices of people like me and my son and refused to engage with us.

I will also focus on evidence given at the recent Covid 19 Inquiry which has shown that the lack of diversity resulted in poor decision making which impacted minoritized ethnic groups.

As someone who has completed a Masters in Social Policy, I am aware that policy makers rely on evidence generated by the third sector and universities, but there are still gaps in knowledge about the needs of minoritized ethnic groups and I want to talk about possible solutions for inclusion of people with learning disabilities and their families not only in campaigning and lobbying but in research projects.

I will talk a little about the findings from my own research project (dissertation and pilot project with Changing Our Lives – once permission is sought from them).



**Ramandeep Kaur**

I am parent to a young person with Down’s syndrome. As a campaigner and parent activist, I work to promote the dignities and human rights of people with learning disabilities and my interest is in health inequalities and minoritized ethnic communities. I have a Masters in Social Policy and am a public speaker, a freelance researcher and I use my lived experience to work with national charities in training programmes and research projects. I am also Chair of Trustees at a local charity in Sutton Coldfield which supports disabled children and their families.

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**Working across parliament for shared aims**  
 Matthew Spencer and Co-Chairs of the Social Care APPG  
 This session will help you to think about how you can get involved and influence policy/MPs through local efforts

Matthew Spencer and Co-Chairs of the Social Care APPG –  
 Nathan Jones and Hope Lightowler - Details TBC

**Representation and post inquest actions campaigns - sharing the solutions Inquest champion and how people can support those as well as sharing people’s reality of it.**  
 Aniesha Obuobie and Will Lewallen, Inquest

INQUEST will be speaking about the inquest process following a state-related death and campaigning alongside bereaved families for accountability.

Key focus points:

- Calling for truth, justice and accountability
- The inquest process



- Campaigning with families
- INQUEST campaigns: Legal Aid, No More Deaths

**INQUEST campaigns:**

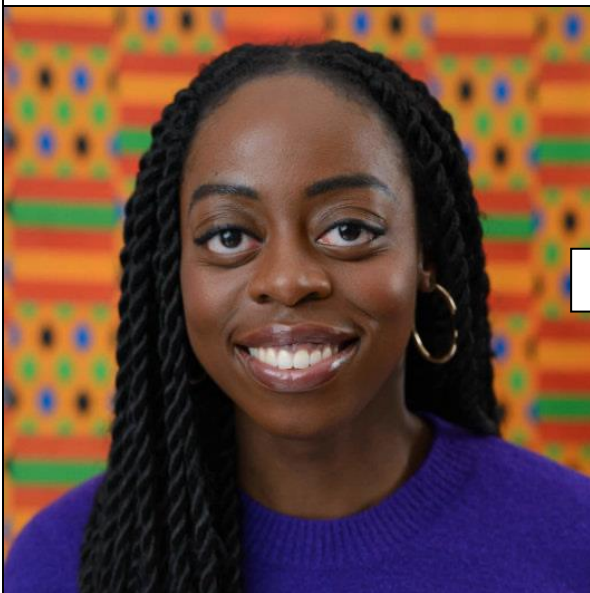
**Legal Aid for Inquests:** <https://www.inquest.org.uk/legal-aid-for-inquests>

**No More Deaths:** <https://www.inquest.org.uk/no-more-deaths-campaign>

**INQUEST social media:**

**Twitter & Instagram:** @INQUEST\_ORG

**Facebook:** <https://en-gb.facebook.com/inquestUK/>



**Aniesha Obuobie**

Aniesha works as the Grenfell Project Coordinator at INQUEST, the only charity in the UK which supports people bereaved by state-related deaths to access truth, justice and accountability. Her work involves advocacy and campaigning for change.



Will Lewallen (23) is a writer and climber. He is interested in politics, social justice and has been working professionally with children with special needs for three years. The photo shows Will Lewallen with his brother Spencer.

### **Campaigning with local groups and social care charging campaign**

Jon Abrams Inclusion London

Join Jon Abrams, the Campaign and Justice Coordinator at Inclusion London, for an empowering workshop that will help you drive change. During this workshop, you will learn about our local and national campaigns that aim to scrap social care charges. Gain valuable insights from Jon's experience in community organising and effective movement building.

Social media

**Website** - <https://www.inclusionlondon.org.uk/>

**X** - <https://twitter.com/inclusionlondon>



**Jon Abrams, Campaigns and Justice Coordinator, Inclusion London**

Jon has worked for over 20 years in Disabled People's Organisations, making him a seasoned advocate and campaigner. He currently serves as the Campaign and Justice Coordinator at Inclusion London and is deeply committed to championing the rights of Deaf and Disabled individuals, as well as promoting the principles of equality and inclusion.

**Transport for All National Campaigns**  
Transport for All's CEO, Caroline Stickland

**Caroline Stickland, CEO Transport for All – Details TBC**  
**Social Media**

<https://twitter.com/TransportForAll>

<https://www.instagram.com/transport.for.all/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/transport-for-all/>

<https://www.facebook.com/transportforall/>

**Building Shared Messages - The Good Lives Manifesto**

We have been working with members to think about shared messages for Good Lives and how we help MPs know what is important to people with learning disabilities. We have started pulling together the Good Lives Manifesto to support everyone's campaigning this year. We hope you'll tell us what you think and get involved.



Gary Bourlet and Rachael Hall, Membership and engagement Leads, Learning Disability England