



# Working with Leeds MP's and Councillors



# Connect in the North ran the first Question Time event in 2015



We wanted more people with learning difficulties to vote in the 2015 General Election





Different organisations and people worked together



MPs from all the main parties were invited to answer our questions





# In 2016 we ran a Question Time Event with Leeds Councillors





We learnt about local government before the event



# In 2018 we ran Women Speak to Power

We celebrated  
100 years of  
women winning  
the vote





We also wrote lots of questions to ask

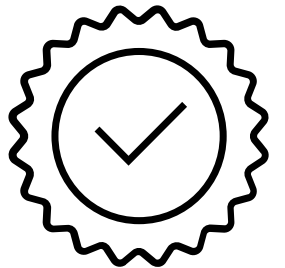
We learnt about the Suffragettes before the event



# Shadowing a Councillor Project

In 2019 we met with local Councillors to organise people with learning difficulties to shadow them for a day







# In 2021 We ran Leeds Take Action for UK Parliament Week





Covid meant we could only invite 20 people



So we only invited people with learning difficulties. We asked people what would make Leeds better

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On the International Day of Disabled People we met to write a plan



This time we had to contact Councillors by emails and reports

# In 2022 we ran the *Meet the Councillor* Event

We wrote questions for Councillors in a session the week before the event







12 Councillors from across Leeds came

It works much better having Councillors in the room

Asking You!

What we think works well







Having a Councillor who will help you

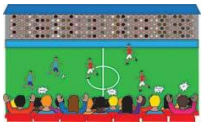
Different organisations coming together

Start by learning  
about how  
Government  
works

Then you know  
who can help you  
with what







	National Government	Local Government
<b>Education</b>	Provides grants.	Provides Schools.
<b>Roads</b>	New motorways.	Repairs local roads. Street lighting.
<b>Rubbish</b>	Sets targets for recycling.	Collects rubbish.
<b>Social Care</b>	Provides grants. Decides policy for the whole country.	Assesses people's needs. Funds social care.
<b>Housing</b>	Decides policy for the whole country.	Provides places to live. Makes decisions about planning applications.
<b>Sport &amp; Leisure</b>	Provides grants.	Provides leisure services.
<b>Taxes</b>	Collects income tax.	Collects council tax.
<b>Law &amp; Order</b>	Makes laws for the whole country.	Does things to stop anti-social behaviour. Licenses pubs & taxis.






Voting to decide  
which are the  
best questions to  
ask









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