

# About being a member – 2026



Learning Disability England brings people and organisations together to create a movement for change.

We are a membership led organisation.

Members work together to build a world where people with learning disabilities have good lives with equal choices and opportunities as others.



Learning Disability England is England's only national movement where people with learning disabilities, families, friends and people in paid supporter roles come together on an equal basis.

Every member of the Learning Disability England movement has signed up to the aims and values.



**Following the aims and values means that members will work together to make sure:**

- What is important to people with learning disabilities is heard and understood
- There is a change in behaviour in service design and delivery that builds on rights
- We demonstrate co-production and real collaborative working making a difference
- We live our values and model the change we want

You can read more about them here.

[Aims and Values - Learning Disability England](#)

**Why is it important to be a member?**



- You will be joining a group of people who also want people with learning disabilities to live good lives.
- It is a way of telling people that you support a national movement working with people with learning disabilities for change to happen.

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- You can influence and be part of campaigning work with partners, government and members.
- You will get good information, solutions to problems and new ideas from different meetings, conferences, webinars and resources.
- You have to be a member to vote or stand in our elections or take part in the AGM.
- Organisational members are listed on our [website here](#) and can use our member logo on their website.



## Membership agreements.

- [Learning Disability England members agree to the aims and values.](#)
- Membership is paid each year. If you (or your sponsor, should your membership be paid on your behalf) do not pay your membership fee, your membership will end.
- You can cancel any time by letting us know.
- You will not receive a refund. If you believe you should have a refund because of a mistake, please contact us.
- Every member promises, if the Charity closes whilst they are a member (or within one year after their membership is cancelled) they will contribute up to a maximum of £1 towards any debts the charity may have. The Trustees manage the charity's finances to reduce the risk of this happening, so it is unlikely.

## What if things go wrong?



We understand that it is sometimes difficult to do everything in the ways that we would want.

We do not expect Learning Disability England members to be perfect.

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But we do expect all Learning Disability England members to:

- Share our beliefs
- Always be trying to get better at what they do
- Be honest.
- Listen to other people's opinions.
- Put things right when they go wrong.



Learning Disability England will act when we know a member is doing things that are against the shared aims.

We will do this in a way that aims to help them get better. If there are big problems, then the member might have to leave Learning Disability England.

If you wish to raise an issue you can contact any staff member, Trustee or Rep Body member or complete this web form: [Help and Complaints - Learning Disability England](#)

## What do we do with your data?



We use the personal information that you give us to:

- tell you about work you might get involved in
- ask your opinion or ideas for campaigns
- share information with other organisations, if you have asked us to, or if we are required by law to share it
- tell you about our work and the difference you help us to make
- invite you to member events, including our Annual general meeting
- keep a register of members, in line with our Articles of Association
- process your membership subscription and payments



We make sure your personal information is managed and stored securely.

You can read more information about it here:

[Data protection - Learning Disability England](#)