All Our Voices

Together for Climate Wellbeing and Action

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# Climate change

## (when the earth is getting warmer)

## and people with learning disabilities




**This an Easy Read report about what we did and what we found out in Part 1.** October 2026.



**All Our Voices** is a project about **climate change**.

**Climate change** means the Earth is getting warmer.



Because of this, we can have more:

- very hot weather
- floods
- **droughts** (when there is not enough rain)
- fires
- storms.



All Our Voices is a project to find out what people with learning disabilities think about climate change and how it affects their lives.




This report is about Part 1 of the project. In Part 1 people filled in questionnaires and talked in groups.



**150**

About 150 people took part.



# What did people tell us in Part 1 of the project?




## 1. Information needs to be easy to find and easy to understand



Many people had heard about climate change. A lot of people had not heard of climate change.




But some information can be difficult to understand. People said climate information should be:

- written in Easy Read. It needs to use simple words and short sentences. It needs to use pictures to explain things
- clear
- easy to understand
- information they can trust



This can help people make choices and stay safe.



# 2. Climate change is affecting everyday life




Very hot weather was the thing people talked about most.



Hot weather can affect:

- sleep
- health
- travel
- work
- going out and doing things
- seeing friends and family.



People talked about feeling tired, dizzy or too hot.



Some trains and activities were cancelled because of the heat.



Climate change can affect people's health, independence and everyday life.



# 3. Some people have more problems because of climate change

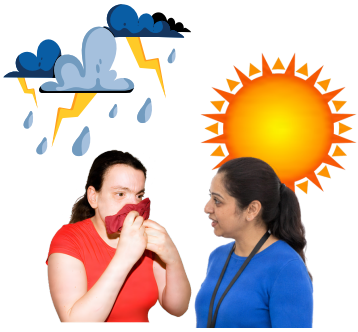


Climate change does not affect everyone in the same way.



Some people may need extra support because of:

- their health
- medicines they take
- their **sensory needs** - what people see, hear and feel
- where they live
- transport problems
- the cost of keeping cool.



People need the right support before and during very hot weather, floods and storms.



# 4. People have different feelings about climate change



Some people said climate change made them feel worried, scared, angry or sad.



People worried about themselves, their families, other people and wildlife.



But not everyone felt the same. People with learning disabilities think different things about climate change.



Climate change affects people differently.




# 5. People are already doing things about climate change



People with learning disabilities are already helping to save our planet.




People talked about:

- recycling and reusing things
- saving energy and water
- walking and using public transport
- wasting less food
- growing food
- helping wildlife.



People also had lots of ideas about what else could be done.



# 6. Everyone needs to do something about climate change



People said slowing down climate change is not just the responsibility of individuals.

Government, councils, businesses and services need to do what they can to slow down climate change.




Homes, transport and services need to be ready for a changing weather.



Emergency information also needs to be easy to understand.



People with learning disabilities need to be included in making plans and deciding what to do about climate change

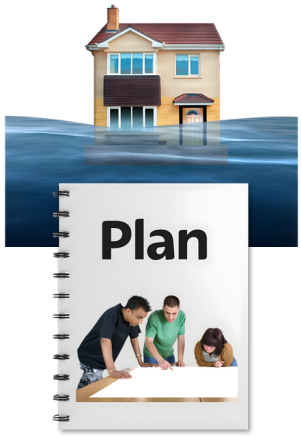
# The most important message



Lots of people said they wanted to be part of the All Our Voices work.




They think the next part of the project (Part 2) should look at things like:




- better information about climate change
- staying safe in very hot weather
- getting ready for floods and other emergencies
- homes that are safe in extreme weather
- transport
- support
- extra costs of climate change.



Part 2 needs to include people who don't use words.



# What happens next?



People with learning disabilities may face extra problems because of climate change.



But people with learning disabilities are not just people who need help.



They have:

- things they know
- experience
- ideas
- strengths
- answers



People with learning disabilities should help shape decisions about climate change.

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