



Good Lives: Building Change Together



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...where it all began

What self-advocates told us is important



Self advocates lead on what is most important

Everyone work together

Focus on rights

Be positive and offer solutions

Learning Disability England host not control

The United Nations Convention on the rights of person with disabilities (UNCPRD)



An agreement between countries

Countries say they will not treat people differently because they are disabled

How the framework is laid out



There are 6 chapters at the moment – these were the top 6 things people told us were important.

We hope people will work together to add more

How the framework is laid out



Each chapter says:

1. What the UN Convention says
2. What people with learning disabilities have said needs to change
3. What people said would change things

The chapters



The Right Support



A Home



Self Advocacy and
Advocacy

The chapters



Communication and Staying
Connected



Contribution and Paid Jobs



To Love and Be Loved

A Home

People told us what was important to them about home and family life during The Big Housing Conversations:

“Everyone should be able to choose where they live and who they live with”





“This is their Human Right, the same as for people who do not have a learning disability”

“The law needs to work better”

“It’s also important that we get more people with learning disabilities out of long stay hospitals, ATU’s and Residential homes where possible and back into the community”



Ideas to work on together...

-  Recognise the importance of the right home. This should be based on person-centred planning. The opportunity for people with learning disabilities, their families, housing providers, social workers etc. to come together and plan how to get the home they want and need.
-  Develop a consistent approach to support people to hold a tenancy without recourse to a (Court of Protection) appointed deputy; this approach should be promoted to general housing providers.
-  A 'national standard' should be created detailing what housing rights and options people with learning disabilities are entitled to. Local councils should have to meet this standard.
-  Investment in information, resources and skills to support people to know and understand how to get access to housing that suits them.

Good Lives Actions for 2023



Create specific actions for people get involved with:

- MP Letter
- Action Bank
- Feedback before we refresh
- Action for Good Lives Logo

Thank you for letting me join you.

I hope it was useful

If you or the organisation you are part of are interested in becoming a member please do check out individual or organization membership here

<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/join-us/>

Learning Disability England is working to grow a national movement where people with learning disabilities, families, friends and people that work in services come together on an equal basis to work for people with learning disabilities having good lives with equal choices and opportunities as others.

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