

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## **Cross Party Group Details**

**Cross Party Group Title:**

**Cross Party Group on Learning Disability**

## **Group membership and office holders**

**Name of Group Chair:**

Sioned Williams MS

**Names of other Members of the Senedd:**

Mark Isherwood MS

Mike Hedges MS

**Name of co-Secretaries and Organisations:**

Samantha Williams Learning Disability Wales and Sara Pickard Mencap Cymru

**Names of other external members and organisations represented:**

Zoe Richards Learning Disability Wales

Wayne Crocker Mencap Cymru

Kate Young All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Joe Powell All Wales People First

Julian Hallett Down's Syndrome Association (Wales)

Jordan Brewer Cymorth Cymru

## Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

### Meeting 9

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#### Date of Meeting:

26 June 2024

#### Attendees:

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair  
Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary  
Liz Tucker – Improvement Cymru  
Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales  
Dawn Cavanagh – Stolen Lives Wales  
Sophie Hinksman – Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group  
Lisa Morgan – Dimensions  
Lucy Hinksman – Pembrokeshire People First  
David Abbott  
Aled Blake – Learning Disability Wales  
Ellesse Mathias – Swansea University  
Andrea Meek – Cardiff University  
Lucy O’Leary – Learning Disability Wales  
Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru  
James Radcliffe – National Autistic Society  
Chris Haines – Caerphilly Observer  
Joe Powell – All Wales People First  
Janis Griffiths – Parents Federation  
Jessica Keeble – All Wales People First  
Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers  
Elisa Vigna – Cardiff University  
Elmi Terjavjainen - Achieve together / Campaign 4 Change  
Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales  
Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First  
Emily Morris – Cardiff and Vale College

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Julie Isaac-Evans – TSW Training

Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

Russ Kennedy – Dimensions Cymru

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- Presentation by Dawn Cavanagh about the Stolen Lives campaign.
- Easy read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-agenda-24-09-24\\_eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-agenda-24-09-24_eng.pdf)

**Meeting 10**

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**Date of Meeting:**

24 September 2024

**Attendees:**

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary

Samatha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

Andrea Meek – Cardiff University

April Samson – Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Davina Carey-Evans – Family Fund

Debra Cooper – Green Party

Emma Alcock – Cwm Taf People First

James Dash – Pembrokeshire People First

James Radcliffe – NAS Cymru

Jennie Lewis – Bangor?

Joe Powell – All Wales People First

Julian Hallett – Down's Syndrome Association

Julie Isaac-Evans – TSW Training

Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First

Lucy Hinksman – Pembrokeshire People First

Lucy O'Leary – Learning Disability Wales

Marg McNeil – SEE Around Britain

Michael Fullerton – Achieve Together

Sam Taylor – RCT People First

Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales

Steven Crane-Jenkins – BASW Cymru

Tracey Drew – All Wales People First

Tracy Thomas – Pembrokeshire People First

Victoria Waller – Gig Buddies Cymru

Walter Owino – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

### **Summary of the issues discussed:**

- Presentation by James Dash and Lucy Hinksman from Pembrokeshire People First about the experiences of people with a learning disability when voting in the UK general election.
- Easy read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-24-09-24\\_eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-24-09-24_eng.pdf)

### **Meeting 11**

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#### **Date of Meeting:**

15 January 2025

#### **Attendees:**

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd

Alexander Owen – Senedd staff

Alison Line

Daniel Bray

Danielle Richards – Swansea Council

Darren Smith – Carer

Elaine Derrick – Parent

Emma Scott-Davies – Gig Buddies Cymru

Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Helen Delargy – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board  
Jackie Prosser – Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations  
Janis Griffiths – Parents Federation  
Julie Clark-Harrison – Pobl Group  
Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First  
Louise Peck – Your Voice Advocacy  
Mark Griffiths – Mirus  
Phillipa Gould – Dosh  
Russ Kennedy – Dimensions  
Sean McDonnell – Pobl Group  
Simon Richards – Cardiff People First  
Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales  
Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru  
Tracy McCillen – Sport Excel UK  
Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru  
Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- Presentation by Sion Jones, Mencap Cymru, and Elaine Derrick, parent carer, about the cashless society campaign.
- Presentation by Simon Richards, Cardiff People First, about the impact on people with a learning disability of not being able to pay with cash.
- Easy read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-15-01-25\\_eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-15-01-25_eng.pdf)

**Meeting 12**

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**Date of Meeting:**

26 March 2025 (AGM)

**Attendees:**

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair  
Samatha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary  
Mark Isherwood – Member of the Senedd  
Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales

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Michael Alcock – Learning Disability Wales

Emma Burton – IMPACT: Improving Adult Care Together

Beth Rees – Learning Disability Wales

Rhian Jones – Drive

Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Rachel Stinchcombe – Mirus

Rhodri Thompson – Cyngor Gwynedd

Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru

Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru

Anthony Leeson – Cardiff Council

Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Influencing and Informing Engage to Change

Andrea Meek – Influencing and Informing Engage to Change

Michael Fullerton – Achieve Together

Kath Morgan – IMPACT: Improving Adult Care Together

Jayne Tilley – Careers Wales

Petra Kennedy – MTIB (Merthyr Tydfil Institute for the Blind)

Nick Davies – Parent carer

Nicola Rogers – Pembrokeshire Council

Angela Kenvyn – Influencing and Informing Engage to Change

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- AGM: Voting for Chair and co-Secretaries of the group; discussing the annual report.
- Presentation by Andrea Meek and Gerraint Jones-Griffiths about the Engage to Change supported employment project.

Easy read minutes will be available here soon: <https://www.ldw.org.uk/project/cross-party-group-on-learning-disability/>

**Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.**

**Name of Organisation:**

N/A

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N/A

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N/A

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N/A

## Annual Financial Statement

**Cross Party Group Title:**

**Cross Party Group on Learning Disability**

**Date:**

26/03/25

**Name of Chair:**

**Sioned Williams MS**

**Name of Secretary and Organisation:**

**Samantha Williams Learning Disability Wales and Sara Pickard Mencap Cymru**

| <b>Title</b>   | <b>Description</b>                 | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Group's Expenses</b>  | None                               | £0.00         |
| <b>Costs of all goods</b>  | No goods bought                    | £0.00         |
| <b>Benefits received by the group or individual members from external bodies</b> | No benefits received.              | £0.00         |
| <b>Any financial support or other support.</b>                                   | No financial support was received. | £0.00         |
| <b>Total</b>   |                                    | <b>£0.00</b>  |

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Name and description of provider</b> | <b>Costs</b> |
|--------------|---|--------------|
|              | None                                    | £0.00        |
|              |   |              |
| <b>Total</b> |   | <b>£0.00</b> |