

# 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 13

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#### Date of Meeting:

18 June 2025

#### Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair  
Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary
- Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary
  - Mike Hedges MS – Member of the Senedd
  - Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
  - Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru
  - Kai Jones – Gig Buddies Cymru
  - Richie Horrigan – Gig Buddies Cymru
  - Kate Young – All Wales Forum
  - Joe Powell – All Wales People First
  - Beth Rees – Learning Disability Wales
  - Eliza Wright – Mencap Cymru
  - Angela Owen-Griffiths – Senedd
  - Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum
  - Michael Beynon – Mencap Cymru
  - Thea Brain – Care Forum Wales
  - Daniel Bray – Your Voice Advocacy
  - Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum
  - Steven Crane-Jenkins – BASW Cymru
  - Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
  - Samantha Dodd – Cartref Ni
  - Gillian Eastwood – Cartref Ni
  - Carl Edwards – ITV Cymru Wales
  - Adam Elameer
  - Amanda Everson – CWVYS
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- Angharad Griffiths – Senedd Cymru
- Jonathan Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales trustee
- Julia Hawkins – Hft
- Lara Homan – NHS Wales Executive
- Nadine Honeybone
- Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales
- Wayne Lewis – V21
- Elin Llŷr – ITV Cymru Wales
- Marg McNeil – SEE around Britain
- Lucy O'Leary – Learning Disability Wales
- Colette O'Sullivan – SAM
- Louise Peck – Your Voice Advocacy
- Joe Powell – All Wales People First
- Jackie Prosser – Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO)
- Ana Reis-Rogers – PAVS
- Rachel Richards – National Lottery Community Fund
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales
- Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales
- Adele Rose-Morgan – Parent
- Sarah Sidman-Jones – Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Darren Smith
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Foo Seng Thean – Chinese in Wales Association
- Mel Thomas – Valleys to Coast Housing Association
- Eloise Tong – Hijinx Theatre
- Oliver Townsend – Mirus
- Karen Warner – Learning Disability Wales
- Sarah Washbrook
- Sheena Williams – Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
- Victoria Waller – Gig Buddies Cymru
- Andrew Jenkins – Senedd

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

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- Hybrid meeting held at Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay and on Zoom to celebrate Learning Disability Week 2025.
- Presentation by Richie Horrigan about being part of Gig Buddies Cymru.
- Presentation by Elin Llyr and Carl Edwards from ITV Wales about making the media more inclusive.
- Presentation by Michael Beynon about being a Mencap Myth Buster.
- Easy Read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-18-June-2025\\_eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-18-June-2025_eng.pdf)

## Meeting 14

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### Date of Meeting:

15 October 2025

### Attendees:

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary

Samatha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

- Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
- Sally Thomas – Parent
- Joe Powell – All Wales People First
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales
- Lucy O’Leary – Learning Disability Wales
- Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales
- Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
- Victoria Waller – Gig Buddies Cymru
- Adele Rose-Morgan – Parent
- Janis Griffiths – Stolen Lives
- Darren Smith
- Tracy Lowe – Scouts Cymru
- Eloise Tong – Hijinx Theatre
- Leah Mckinney
- Sarah Washbrook – Parent

- Jac Hughes
- Jan Paterson – Epilepsy Action
- Rachel Martin
- Eryl Williams – Gwynedd Council
- Gabrielle Preece
- Jenny Mushiringani Monjero – Llais Cymru
- Daniel Bray – Your Voice Advocacy
- Danielle Richards – Swansea Council
- Tom Morris – Swansea Council
- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
- Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru
- Stuart Todd – University of South Wales
- Julie Isaac-Evans – Adult Learning Wales
- Andrew Jenkins – Senedd
- James Radcliffe – National Autistic Society
- Anne-Marie Carpenter – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
- Gillian Eastwood
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Donna Thomas – Here2There
- Claire Jones

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- Presentation by parent Sally Thomas about problems with Passenger Assist.
- Presentation by Joe Powell from All Wales People First about advocacy, self-advocacy and the challenges in Wales.
- Easy read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-October-2025\\_Eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-October-2025_Eng.pdf)

**Meeting 15**

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**Date of Meeting:**

10 December 2025

**Attendees:**

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Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair  
Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary  
Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary  
Adele Rose-Morgan – Parent  
Angharad Griffiths – Senedd  
Beth Rees – Learning Disability Wales  
Beth Thomas – Swansea Council  
Claire Hathway – Monmouthshire Children’s Services  
Daniel Bray  
Danielle Richards – Swansea Council  
Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales  
Gillian Eastwood – Cartref Ni Ltd  
Ivan Walker – Company  
James Dash – Pembrokeshire People First  
Joe Powell – All Wales People First  
Josh Law – All Wales Forum  
Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales  
Katherine Baker – Dosh  
Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First  
Ken Skates – Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales  
Lucy O’Leary – Learning Disability Wales  
Marg McNiel – See Around Britain  
Rachel Martin – Dal Dwylo  
Richard Redmond – Conwy Connect  
Ritchie Wood – Principality Care Ltd  
Sally Thomas – Parent  
Sarah Washbrook – Parent  
Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru  
Sophie Hinksman – All Wales People First  
Stephen Jones – Welsh Government  
Tracy Thomas – Pembrokeshire People First  
Victoria Waller – Gig Buddies Cymru

Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru

Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales Ken Skates MS attended to hear about transport issues.
- Presentation by Joe Powell and Sophie Hinksman of All Wales People First about issues with bus passes and trains.
- Presentation by Sara Pickard and Sion Jones from Mencap Cymru about transport issues raised in the State of the Nation Cymru report.
- Presentation by parent Sally Thomas about problems with Passenger Assist experienced by her son.
- Presentation by Adele-Rose Morgan about problems her son has faced with transport.
- Easy read minutes available here: [https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-Minutes-10-12-25\\_eng.pdf](https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-Minutes-10-12-25_eng.pdf)

**Meeting 16**

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**Date of Meeting:**

4 March 2026 (AGM)

**Attendees:**

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

Lucy Hinksman – Pembrokeshire People First

Sarah Washbrook – Parent

Ritchie Wood – Principality Care Ltd

Clare Lucignoli – Parent carer

Megan Lewis – Scouts Cymru

Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru

Annette Nichols – Company

Marg McNiel – See Around Britain

Jac Hughes – Roaring Mon

Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru  
James Dash – Pembrokeshire People First  
Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers  
Victoria Waller – Gig Buddies Cymru  
Humie Webbe – Sole trader  
Jenny Mushiringani Monjero – Llais  
Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales  
Andrew Jenkins – Senedd  
Simon Morris – Rubicon Dance  
Beth Rees – Learning Disability Wales  
Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First  
Gillian Eastwood – Cartrefi Ni Ltd  
Davina Carey-Evans – Family Fund Trust  
Christina Welsh – Natspec  
Adele Rose-Morgan – Parent  
Julian Hallett – Down Syndrome Association

**Summary of the issues discussed:**

- AGM: Discussing the annual report and explaining that this was the last meeting of the group due to the election in May so there was no election for Chair or co-Secretaries.
- Presentation by parent Sarah Washbrook about her son’s experience of mainstream education.
- Presentation by parent Adele Rose-Morgan about inclusive education.

The group agreed to carry out a review of the Cross Party Group to gather the views of participants on what worked well and what could be done differently in future.

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:**

05/03/26

**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>