

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 Secretary and Organisation:

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 Learning Disability Wales

Kate Young All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Joe Powell All Wales People First

Julian Hallett Down's Syndrome Association (Wales)

Mandy Powell Cymorth Cymru

Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

Meeting 1

Date of Meeting:

11 May 2022

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
- Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
- Heledd Fychan MS – Member of the Senedd
- Samantha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary
- Zoe Richards - Learning Disability Wales
- Grace Krause – Learning Disability Wales
- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
- Joe Powell – All Wales People First
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary
- Paul Hunt – Mencap Cymru
- Julian Hallet – Down’s Syndrome Association
- Kirsty Rees
- Ryland Doyle

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Voting for Chair and co-Secretaries of the group.
- Presentation by Joe Powell, All Wales People First on the reasons for setting up the Cross Party Group on Learning Disability and possible topics for future meetings.

Easy read minutes available here: https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-11-05-22_small.pdf

Meeting 2

Date of Meeting:

21 September 2022

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
- Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
- Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, Co-Secretary
- Samantha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, Co-Secretary
- Andrea Meek – Cardiff University
- Caroline Eayrs – Family carer
- Caroline McCarthy – Pobl
- Carys Hughes
- Cath Thornton – Conwy Connect
- Darren Smith – Family carer
- Dawn Cavanagh – University of South Wales
- E Payne – Department of Work and Pensions
- Emma Alcock – RCT People First
- Eve Exley – First Choice Housing
- Fran Holmes – Conwy Connect
- Gail Devine – Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
- Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales
- Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
- Grace Krause – Learning Disability Wales
- Helga Uckermann – North Wales Advice and Advocacy Association
- Humie Webbe – RareQol and LDMAG Co-Chair
- Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum
- Iwan Good – Learning Disability Wales
- Jeremy Tudway – Dimensions UK
- June Williams – Cwm Taf Morgannwg Local Health Board
- Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
- Kamar El Hoziel – Conwy Connect
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Leanne Davies – Conwy Connect
- Lisa Morgan – Dimensions Cymru
- Nick Davies – Family carer

- Richard Redmond – Person with a learning disability
- Rob Parkes – Service Robotics Ltd
- Sara Meagher – Walsingham Support
- Sarah Winter – Careers Wales
- Shayna – Conwy Connect
- Sophie Trow – Conwy Connect
- Steve Cox – Perthyn
- Stuart Todd – University of South Wales
- Thomas Oakes – Person with a learning disability
- Wendy James – Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Presentation about annual health checks by Dawn Cavanagh
- Presentation about annual health checks by Conwy Connect Health Check Champions

Easy read minutes available here: <https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-21-09-22.pdf>

Meeting 3

Date of Meeting:

7 December 2022

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
 - Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, Co-Secretary
 - Samantha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, Co-Secretary
 - Chris Dodds – Cartrefi Cymru
 - Gerraint Jones-Griffiths – Learning Disability Wales
 - Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
 - Grace Krause – Learning Disability Wales
 - Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
 - Helga Uckermann – North Wales Advice and Advocacy Association
 - Hilary Whittaker
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- Iwan Good – Learning Disability Wales
- Janis Griffiths – Family carer
- Jeremy Tudway – Dimensions UK
- Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
- Kara Williams
- Kate Wyke – Contact a Family
- Kate Young – Mencap Cymru
- Kathryn Morgan – Shared Lives Plus Cymru
- Kirsten Jones – Natspec
- Louise Peck – Your Voice Advocacy
- Marg McNeil – See Around Britain
- Mandy Powell – Cymorth Cymru
- Mike Jackson – Blaenau Gwent Social Services
- Nick Davies – Family carer
- Paul Hunt – Mencap Cymru
- Rachel Hazlewood – Cardiff Council
- Richard Redmond – Person with a learning disability
- San Leonard – Social Firms Wales
- Sandra Spratt – Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
- Sarah Mackintosh – Carmarthenshire People First
- Sharon Frewin – Carmarthenshire County Council
- Simon Rice – Carmarthenshire People First
- Steve Cox – Perthyn
- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Presentation about how Carmarthenshire People First has been supporting members with the cost of living crisis
- Presentation by All Wales Forum sharing stories from families about the cost of living crisis

Easy read minutes available here: https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-07-12-22_eng_final.pdf

Meeting 4

Date of Meeting:

30 March 2023 (AGM)

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
- Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
- Samantha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary
- Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales
- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
- Joe Powell – All Wales People First
- Julian Hallet – Down’s Syndrome Association
- Alexandra Badwi – Hft
- Bill Fawcett
- Dean Clarke
- Debra Cooper
- Georgina Barton – Pembrokeshire County Council
- Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum
- Kathryn Morgan – Shared Lives
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Kirsty Rees – Office of Mike Hedges MS
- Lisa Brown – Foster carer
- Lucy O’Leary – Learning Disability Wales
- Marg McNeil – See Around Britain
- Megan Thomas – Disability Wales
- Nadine Tilbury – Working Together with Parents Network
- Nickie Morries – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
- Rhian Stangroom-Teel – Leonard Cheshire
- Robert Messenger
- Rosie Turner – Cardiff University
- Sacha Davies – Careers Wales

- San Leonard – Social Firms Wales
- Sarah Frost – Department of Work and Pensions
- Sarah Griffiths
- Stacey Williams – Vale People First

Summary of the issues discussed:

- AGM: Voting for Chair and co-Secretaries of the group.
- Presentation by Vale People First parents' group about the importance of guidance on supporting parents with a learning disability.

Easy read minutes 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

Name of Group:

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:

30/03/23

Name of Chair:

Sioned Williams MS

Name of Secretary and Organisation:

Samantha Williams Learning Disability Wales and Sara Pickard Mencap Cymru

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

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

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

Date	Name and description of provider	Costs
		£0.00
Total		£0.00