

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 5

Date of Meeting:

27 June 2023

Attendees:

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary

Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Julie Bennett Doy – Powys County Council

Mariama Correia – University of South Wales

Nick Davies – Cardiff and Vale Parents Federation

Pat Dunmore – Citizens Advice Swansea Neath Port Talbot

William Fawcett

Sarah Frost – Department of Work and Pensions

Iwan Good – Learning Disability Wales

Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum

Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales

Mark Jones – Gig Buddies Cymru

Nichola Jones – Mirus Wales

Susan Kingman – Hijinx

San Leonard – Social Firms Wales

Deborah Lomas – parent

Marg McNeil – SEE Around Britain

Catherine Meredith – Cardiff council

Nicki Morris – All Wales Forum

Lucy O'Leary – Learning Disability Wales

Sian Owen

Anne Phillips – Swansea Carers Centre

Joe Powell – All Wales People First

Kathryn Price – Cardiff University

Julie Reed – Cardiff Council

Stacey Rees – University of South Wales

Simon Richards – All Wales People First

Vincent Scaife – Hft

Darren Smith

Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First

Cath Thornton – Conwy Connect for Learning Disabilities

Nadine Tilbury – Working Together with Parents Network (University of Bristol)

Stuart Todd – University of South Wales

Andy Ward – Monmouthshire People First

Lynne Whistance – Pobl group

Aled Williams – Cardiff Council

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Sara Pickard’s video for ITV Cymru marking 40 years of the All Wales Strategy.
- Presentations by Mark Jones, Gig Buddies Cymru and Simon Richards, Cardiff People First, about problems with renewing bus passes.
- Easy read minutes available here: https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-27-06-23_eng.pdf

Meeting 6

Date of Meeting:

27 September 2023

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
- Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary
- Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary
- Andrea Meek – Cardiff University
- Carys West – Wrexham County Council
- Coryn Jones – NHS Wales
- Debbie Oliver – Cardiff County Council

- Deborah Lomas – parent
- Debra Cooper
- Emma Alcock – RCT People First
- Gail Devine – BAVO
- Glenda Lloyd Evans – Welsh Government
- Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum
- Hannah Offord – Powys County Council
- Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum
- Jackie Grice
- Jan Webster – Mirus
- Janice Managhan – Pembrokeshire County Council
- Janis Griffiths
- Jenny Powell – Tudor Street Campaign
- Joe Powell – All Wales People First
- Jonathan Davies – Powys County Council
- Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
- Kate Young – Mencap Cymru (Wales Learning Disability Helpline)
- Kathryn Morgan – Shared Lives
- Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
- Marg McNeil – SEE Around Britain
- Mena Kasem – PA
- Natalie Ballett – NHS Wales
- Nichola Jones – Mirus
- Paul Hunt – Mencap Cymru
- Rachel Roberts – Powys County Council
- Rachel Stinchcombe – Mirus
- Rhian Jones – Drive
- Ron Woods – Innovate Trust
- Sandra Spratt – Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
- Sarah Griffiths – Tudor Street Campaign
- Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales
- Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru

- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
- Zarah Kaleem – Cardiff People First
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Presentation by Paul Hunt and Sara Pickard about Mencap Cymru's report on day services since the pandemic.
- Presentation by Sarah Griffiths and Jenny Powell from Abergavenny about the campaign to save Tudor Street day centre.
- Easy read minutes available here: https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-27-09-23_eng-final.pdf

Meeting 7

Date of Meeting:

12 December 2023

Attendees:

- Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair
 - Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary
 - Sam Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary
 - Aled Blake – Learning Disability Wales
 - Angela Kenvyn – Engage to Change
 - Ashleigh Francis – Bridges Centre
 - Darren Smith
 - Grace Coppock – All Wales Forum
 - Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum
 - Julian Hallett – Down's Syndrome Association (Wales)
 - Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
 - Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
 - Kirsten Jones – Natspec
 - Marg McNeil – SEE Around Britain
 - Marie Gibson
 - Nicky Williams – Parent
 - Simon Rose – Learning Disability Wales
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- Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru
- Victoria Hughes – Parent
- Wayne Crocker – Mencap Cymru
- Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

Summary of the issues discussed:

- Presentation by Kirsten Jones, Natspec, about access to specialist post-16 education.
- Presentation by Victoria Hughes and Nicky Powell, parents, about their families' problems trying to find the right post-16 college courses for their sons.
- Easy read minutes available here: https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CPG-on-LD-Easy-Read-minutes-12-12-23_eng.pdf

Meeting 8

Date of Meeting:

19 March 2024 (AGM)

Attendees:

Sioned Williams MS – Member of the Senedd, Chair

Sara Pickard – Mencap Cymru, co-Secretary

Samatha Williams – Learning Disability Wales, co-Secretary

Adrian Jones – NWAAA

Alexandra Badwi – hft

Amy Parsons – Pobl

Bill Fawcett

Bryony Dolby – Hft

Celia Watson – NWAAA

Chris Davies – Cardiff Council Adult Services

Darren Smith

Emma Alcock – Cwm Taf People First

Gaibhin McGranaghan – United Response

Georgia Miggins

Gwen Anslow – All Wales Forum

Helen Delargy – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Ishbel Hansen – Swansea Parent Carer Forum
Ismail Kaji – Mencap
James Dash – Pembrokeshire People First
Joe Powell – All Wales People First
Josh Cripps
Julia Hawkins – Hft
Julie Isaac-Evans – TSW Training
Kai Jones – Learning Disability Wales
Kate Young – Mencap Cymru
Kathryn Symmons – Swansea Council
Kelly Stuart – All Wales People First
Louise Peck – Your Voice Advocacy
Lucy Hinksman – Pembrokeshire People First
Lucy O'Leary – Learning Disability Wales
Marg McNeil – SEE Around Britain
Mark Isherwood MS – Member of the Senedd
Matthew Dix – Mencap
Nicholas Davies – Cardiff & Vale Parents Federation
Ramona Murray – Conwy Council
Rhian Jones – Drive
Richard Redmond – Conwy Connect
Sion Jones – Mencap Cymru
Tracey Drew – All Wales People First
Tracy Thomas – Pembrokeshire People First
VictoriaWaller – Gig Buddies Cymru
Zoe Richards – Learning Disability Wales

Summary of the issues discussed:

- AGM: Voting for Chair and co-Secretaries of the group; discussing the annual report.
- Presentation by Lucy Hinksman and James Dash from Pembrokeshire People First about voter ID and making voting more accessible.

- Presentation by Ismail Kaji and Gaibhin McGranaghan from the My Vote, My Voice campaign about making elections more accessible.

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:

19/03/24

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
	None	£0.00
Total		£0.00