

Learning Disability Wales Annual Review

April 2024 to March 2025



**We want Wales
to be the best
country in the world
for people with a
learning disability to
live, learn, love
and work**

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**Learning Disability Wales
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Cover image: Engage to Change staff and participants with Jack Sargeant MS and the late Hefin David MS, a passionate advocate for people with a learning disability.



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Welcome message

from our Chair, Tracy Hammond

Highlights

- We received a high number of applications from a range of backgrounds to join our board of trustees.
- Our membership and board of trustees became more diverse.

This year has been a testament to our collective ability to hold firm in challenging times. While the landscape around us continues to shift, Learning Disability Wales has remained steady, guided by clear values, strong relationships, and a shared commitment to making a difference.

A particular highlight has been the unprecedented number of applications to join our board of trustees. It was a privilege to welcome so many new and highly valued board members whose diverse expertise and dedication have already enriched our strategic direction. Their arrival reflects the growing recognition of our work and the strength of our shared purpose.

Our membership has flourished as well. The increasing diversity within our community embodies our vision of making Wales the best country in the world for people with learning disabilities to live, learn, love and work. This continued expansion strengthens our collective voice and broadens our impact.

Our 2 vibrant conferences in Llandudno and Swansea brought many people together sparking lively conversations and new connections. With so many voices and ideas in the room, it truly felt like a celebration of our shared passion and teamwork.

As Chair, I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together. Our influence continues to grow and our values remain steadfast. Thank you to all staff, members, supporters, trustees and partners for your ongoing support. The year ahead may bring challenges, but together we will face them with confidence and optimism.



Welcome message



from our Chief Executive, Zoe Richards

Highlights

- We made it easier to become members of Learning Disability Wales, so our membership is more diverse and we can connect with more people.
- We are proud of how our work helps to improve the lives of people with a learning disability.

At Learning Disability Wales, our mission remains clear: to make Wales the best country in the world for people with a learning disability to live, learn, love, and work. This year marked a turning point in how we connect, with a renewed focus on reaching more people and offering better support to our members.

We recognised the need for more inclusive and responsive engagement, so we transformed our membership model to reflect the diverse voices within our community. This change is already bringing people closer together - strengthening relationships, sparking new collaborations, and creating a deeper sense of belonging across our work.

This report celebrates the impact of those changes, through stories of resilience, data-driven insights, and the projects that are shaping a better Wales for people with a learning disability.




It's been a tough year for many organisations but we have worked hard

to support our members and influence change. We are proud of our achievements from supporting the powerful Stolen Lives campaign and developing evidence-based projects like Engage to Change that influence employment policy, to having fun and challenging societal norms through Gig Buddies and sharing our learning through our annual conferences - we've kept pushing forward.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we're building a more inclusive future - one connection at a time.



Influencing and Informing Engage to Change

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 [/engagetochangewales](https://www.facebook.com/engagetochangewales)
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Highlights

- 3 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' events held around Wales and 1 all-party 'question time' event in Cardiff Bay.
- First Minister describes Engage to Change results as “staggering” and commits to include supported employment in new Welsh Government plans.
- All Further Education colleges in Wales now offer supported internships.

The team continued to work closely with Members of the Senedd, Welsh Government, employers and other organisations to ensure the project's legacy continued after the project ended on 31 March 2025.

Ambassador Gerraint and Project Manager Angela gave evidence at the Senedd and fed into the Committee's report, 'Anything's Achievable with the Right Support: Tackling the Disability Employment Gap' (named after a quote from Gerraint).

We worked with the National Centre for Mental Health (NCMH) to deliver an event on ageing, employment and learning disabilities, that included speakers from the University of Salamanca in Spain.

We co-authored a report with NCMH called 'From Service to Strategy: A National Job Coaching Strategy for Wales' and co-produced accessible videos explaining some of NCMH's research.



Our work with Hefin David MS led to the First Minister acknowledging in the Senedd the “staggering” results of the Engage to Change project and making a commitment to include supported employment and job coaching in the new employability support programme in Wales.

Influencing and Informing Engage to Change

Employment support mapping

This brought together key information on the support services and employment opportunities available across Wales, creating a comprehensive resource for individuals, families and employers. Find it on the Engage to Change website: engagetochange.org.uk under 'Looking for work'.

ReAct+ pilot

As a result of work with Welsh Government, a ReAct+ pilot has been developed and started in March 2025. It is being delivered by Working Wales and ELITE supported employment agency and will support young adults previously employed by NCMH to transition to new employment.

Jobs Growth Wales+

Supported employment and job coaching has become mainstreamed within this programme, with Agoriad and ELITE providing the support.

Communities for Work+

Communities for Work+ is a community-based employability programme providing intensive 1-to-1 mentoring support to participants who face complex barriers to employment. Our work with Welsh Government has helped to ensure this includes disabled people and individuals who experience barriers to employment.



Employability Support Programme

From 2027, Jobs Growth Wales+, ReAct+ and Communities for Work + will be replaced by the new Employability Support Programme. The First Minister stated in the Senedd that learning from the Engage to Change project is being taken forward and this new programme will include supported employment/job coach support.

Supported shared apprenticeships

ELITE and Agoriad continue to facilitate supported shared apprenticeships across all regions. There is currently a waiting list for supported apprenticeships as the demand is greater than the budget. Medr (the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research) will be looking to expand this next year.

Supported internships

Supported internships are now delivered by all Further Education colleges in Wales as Pathway 4 of the Independent Living Skills (ILS) curriculum funded by Welsh Government.

Despite our calls for job coach support to be provided by specialist supported employment agencies, some colleges have now moved away from this saying it has become too expensive.

As we were unable to influence this any further, Angela worked with Colegau Cymru to encourage colleges to undertake the Supported Internship Quality Assurance Framework (SIQAF) and for their staff to achieve the accredited supported employment qualification.

Knowing Me, Knowing You roadshows

We hit the road with 3 energetic events in Carmarthen, Cardiff and Llandudno. At each stop, we shone a light on stories from participants, families and employers, as we highlighted real-life experiences around learning disability, autism and employment.

Question Time

To celebrate the end of the project we hosted a lively 'Question Time' style panel session in Cardiff Bay. The event included participants, families and partner organisations. Our panel featured representatives from the 4 main political parties in the Senedd, who responded to thoughtful and challenging questions from the audience.

A thank you to Hefin David MS

We give thanks to the late Hefin David MS for his constant support for the learning disability community across Wales in particular for the Engage to Change project. Hefin was always willing to listen, to support, to stand up and speak out about what he passionately believed in.

We will be forever grateful that he worked with our project staff and young people helping to influence Welsh Government policy and make Wales a better place. A truly lovely, caring and fun person who will be missed by so many.





Highlights

- We were selected as a Welsh Youth Parliament partner organisation for the third time.
- We recruited Tammi Tonge to become a Member of the new Welsh Youth Parliament to speak up for other young disabled people.
- We organised 4 meetings of the Cross Party Group on Learning Disability to talk about issues that affect the lives of people with a learning disability.
- We facilitated consultation events for Swansea Health Board on restrictive practice and positive behavioural support.
- We supported the Stolen Lives campaign and became members of the Homes Not Hospitals sub-group.

Funded by Welsh Government, 21st Century People celebrates people with a learning disability as creators, contributors and citizens of Wales, while challenging existing stereotypes.

21st Century Families

Parents with a learning disability

We continued to support Vale People First's parents group to meet, share experiences and provide peer support.

We published an article in Children in Wales's magazine about the challenges faced by parents with a learning disability.

We attended the Parents Connect Wales professional forum to share the views of parents we work with.

We continued to attend Cafcass Cymru Advisory Group meetings to raise awareness of the needs of parents with a learning disability in care proceedings.

Good quality sexual health services

Member organisation Cwmni Addysg Rhyw – Sex Education Company wrote a blog for our website about supporting adults with a learning disability to have healthy friendships, relationships, romance, intimacy and sex.

21st Century Voices

Welsh Youth Parliament

We supported previous Welsh Youth Parliament Member Georgia to record an interview and write an article sharing her experience and encouraging other young people to follow in her footsteps.

We were successful in applying to be a Welsh Youth Parliament partner organisation for the third time.

We ran a recruitment campaign to find a young person with a learning disability and/or autism to represent Learning Disability Wales. We facilitated a panel of young disabled people to review the applications and make their selection, and we were delighted when they chose Tammi Tonge from north Wales.

We supported Tammi to attend the first residential meeting in Cardiff Bay and give her first speech in the Senedd about inclusive access to sport.

Policy and people – Cross Party Group on Learning Disability

In our role as co-Secretaries of the Cross Party Group on Learning Disability, we organised and facilitated 4 meetings, attended by a total of 107 people. Topics included: Stolen Lives, accessibility of the UK General Election, cashless society campaign and supported employment.



Healthy 21st Century People

Annual health checks

We met with the Welsh Ambulance Service who manage the NHS 111 Wales website to ask again for the Easy Read GP resources to be added to the site along with links to all the Easy Read information on screening. The resources can be found on our website, under Health, at:

www.ldw.org.uk/resources

We took part in an interview for BBC Radio Cymru about the importance of annual health checks.

Reducing restrictive practice

We helped Swansea Bay University Health Board to hold consultation events with people with a learning disability on the development of new e-learning and accessible videos on restrictive practices and positive behavioural support.

Policy Manager Sam Williams attended meetings of the UK Protecting Rights Eliminating Restraint Group and the Welsh Community of Practice for Behaviours of Concern.

In partnership with Improvement Cymru, we developed and promoted a new resource pack for carers in Wales to raise awareness of restrictive practices.

Zoe co-Chaired the Early Intervention and Crisis Task and Finish Group looking at how to address gaps in support and prevent the unnecessary hospitalisation of people with a learning disability.

We supported the Stolen Lives campaign and became a member of the Homes Not Hospitals sub-group of the Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group.



Living in the 21st Century

Social isolation

We published an article about the Connections Cymru network event (held in March 2024) outlining how day services have changed in Wales since the pandemic and what can be done to improve opportunities for people with a learning disability.

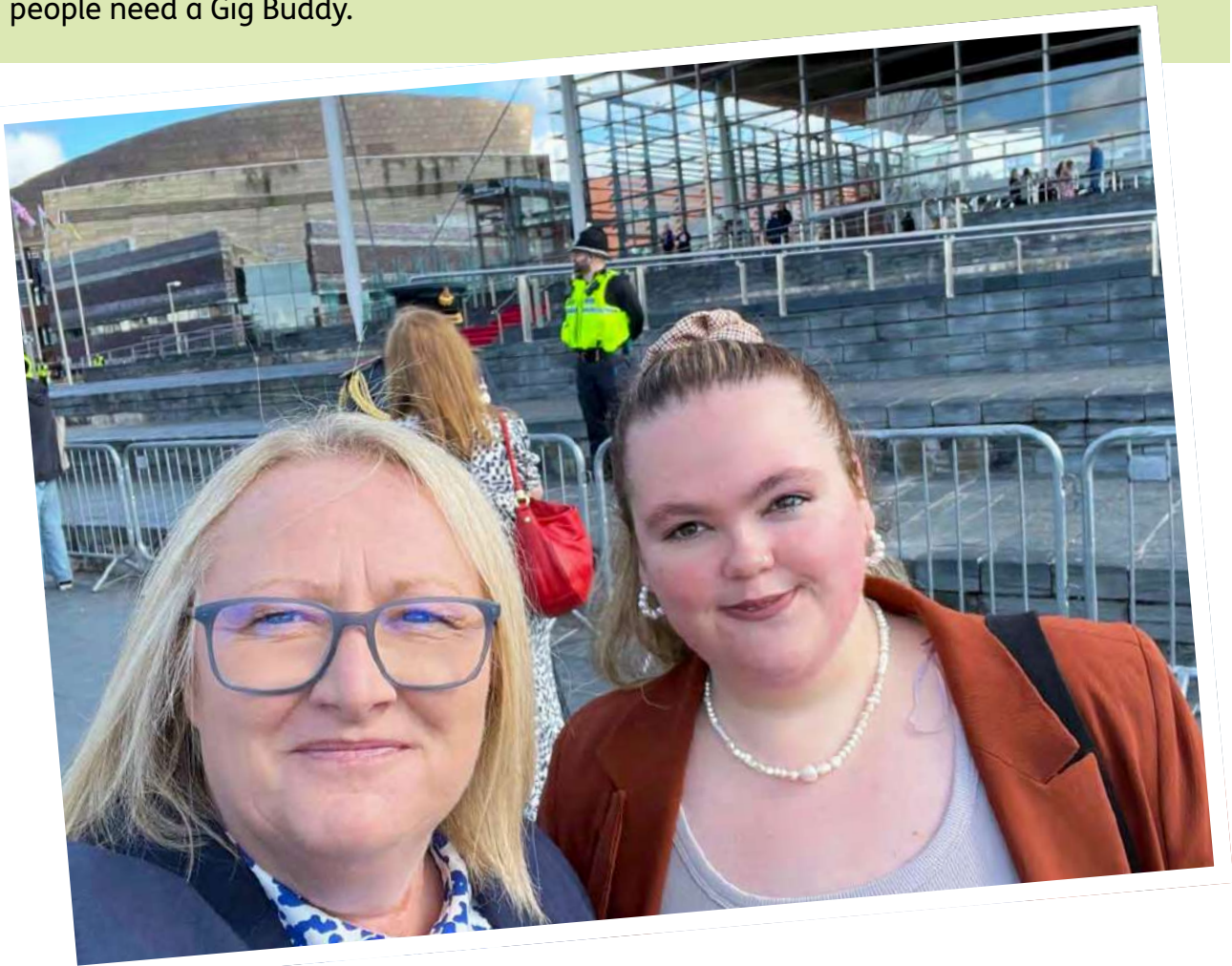
We did research with 130 people with a learning disability as well as parents/ carers and service providers across Wales to find out what people's social lives look like, if they have friends, and what stops them going out. Sadly, a lot of people told us that they don't have any friends. This report was the basis for looking at why people need a Gig Buddy.

We launched Gig Buddies in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot in July 2024.

Inclusive education

We published an article about the Senedd's Children, Young People and Education Committee's report into disabled children and young people's access to education and childcare.

Zoe also took part in the Committee's video to launch the report and highlight the challenges faced by children, young people and their families in the Welsh education system.



Highlights

- We worked with 55 organisations on more than 170 pieces of Easy Read work.
- We made free Easy Read guides to support people to vote in the UK General Election, and to help people ask for Easy Read information.



Alongside producing Easy Read information for our clients, we have been doing lots of work to raise awareness of Easy Read, improve the quality of accessible information, and to support more organisations to make their own Easy Read.

Supporting you to make your information accessible

We have supported many organisations to produce their own Easy Read. This has included offering our services for free, providing feedback and advice, and sharing what we have learned from people with a learning disability.

We have also been developing our own Easy Read Wales website that will launch in 2025.

It will include many new resources:

- Videos that provide Easy Read training
- Hard words dictionary
- Easy Read Welsh guidelines
- Blog posts that will share tips on things like planning for accessibility.

Working with people with a learning disability

We have been working more closely with people with a learning disability and getting more of their input and feedback. This has made a huge difference to our service and the standard of our translation and design.

We worked with people with a learning disability to:

- Seek views about our Welsh Easy Read guidelines, to improve the quality of our Welsh Easy Read.
- Help Endometriosis Cymru make Easy Read web pages.
- Create Easy Read versions of the Sexual Health Collection Kit instructions, to help people look after their sexual health by testing for sexually transmitted diseases in the privacy of their own homes.
- Get feedback about Easy Read and discuss ideas for creating Easy Read videos.

Raising awareness and improving quality

We took part in events throughout the year to share ideas and connect with others.

We joined the UK Easy Read Standards Working Group. We are working in partnership with other Easy Read providers to improve the quality of Easy Read in the UK by creating recognised standards.

Find out more at:

www.linkedin.com/company/uk-easy-read-standards-working-group/

We took part in a UK Government webinar as expert panellists, supporting government staff to make their debt information more accessible.



For more information, help and advice, or for a quote contact us at easyread@ldw.org.uk.

Highlights

- Nearly 200 people attended our annual conference in Llandudno Junction and Swansea.
- The conference talked about having choice and control over what we do with our daily lives.
- We organised 3 events across Wales talking about Welsh Government's guide for 'Commissioning for a Good Life'.
- We held 13 easy read training courses and worked with RNIB Cymru on training about sight loss.

Annual Conference 2024 – A Day in My Life

In November, our annual conference took place over 2 lively days in Llandudno Junction and Swansea, welcoming nearly 200 attendees from across Wales.

Exploring themes of choice, control and daily life, highlights included:

- Interactive workshops on work, leisure, day opportunities and person-centred planning.

- Drama, films and presentations led by people with a learning disability.

We must not forget to mention our amazing Chairs at both events. Victoria Waller, self-advocate and Gig Buddies Cymru Social Media Volunteer, returned to host the event in north Wales, and Richie Horrigan, Gig Buddies participant, debuted his talents in south Wales.

Find videos and resources from the conference on our website at: www.ldw.org.uk/event/annual-conference-2024.



Commissioning for a Good Life – Listening, Learning, Leading

We've been exploring how the Welsh guidance, 'Commissioning accommodation and support for a good life for people with a learning disability' is being used in practice.

Partnering with Cymorth Cymru and the National Commissioning Board, we began by gathering insights through an online survey, reaching out to commissioners, support providers, family carers and people with a learning disability.

These voices laid the foundation for 3 engaging events across Wales. We shared the reflections with the Learning Disability Ministerial Advisory Group to help shape future policies and support.

Training

We delivered 13 training courses about making information easier to read and understand. This included a mix of open-access courses and sessions specifically for individual organisations.

Together with RNIB Cymru, we also ran a specialist course about supporting people with a learning disability who experience sight loss.

Find details of all our training and events on our website at:

www.ldw.org.uk/training-events.



Highlights

- We supported the Stolen Lives protest outside the Senedd and created an Easy Read version of their manifesto.
- We responded to 7 consultations.
- We organised 4 meetings of the Learning Disability Policy Group to talk about important issues like voter ID and the cashless society campaign.
- We gave evidence to the Senedd Committee on the draft Health and Social Care Bill about direct payments for people who get continuing healthcare funding.

Consultations

Despite not having a Policy and Communications Officer for 5 months, we still managed to respond to 7 consultations on issues such as social care, employment, culture, education and health to ensure the rights and experiences of people with a learning disability and their supporters are recognised by policymakers in Wales.

Stolen Lives – Homes Not Hospitals

We supported the Stolen Lives campaign, joining the voices of people with a learning disability, parents and carers calling for the end of the long-stay hospitalisation of people with a learning disability. Our work included policy and lobbying, creating an Easy Read version of the campaign manifesto and supporting the campaign through communications.

A huge ‘Homes Not Hospitals’ protest took place outside the Senedd on 17 April. The campaign was successful in securing a debate in the Senedd on 4 December.



Our CEO, Zoe Richards, was interviewed by BBC Wales and ITV Wales about the protest and the issues around ensuring nobody lives in a hospital. She also met with Welsh Government Ministers to discuss the campaign.

Draft Health and Social Care Bill

Our Policy Manager, Sam Williams, gave evidence to the Senedd’s Health and Social Care Committee on the planned introduction of direct payments for people receiving continuing healthcare funding, and how this should be implemented.



Learning Disability Policy Group

We organised and facilitated 4 meetings of the Learning Disability Policy Group, bringing together policy officers working in the learning disability sector to discuss relevant issues. Topics included: day services survey, changes to the responsibilities of Ministers, cashless society, voter ID and the Stolen Lives campaign.

Children's Commissioner Adult Advisory Board

Zoe is a member of the Adult Advisory Board to the Children's Commissioner. This year she has been involved in setting the agenda for the office and ensuring that disabled children are at the forefront of what they do.

Keeping you informed

Our communications work runs through everything we do, from publicising our events, projects and policy work, to keeping you informed of the latest learning disability news.

Topics covered on our website and social media included:

- Why Learning Disability Wales is challenging plans to raise maximum charges for care and support.
- Supporting adults with a learning disability to have healthy friendships, relationships, romance, intimacy and sex.
- Georgia's story – my time as a Welsh Youth Parliament Member.



Neurodiversity and anti-racism in Welsh arts (NAWA)

We worked with Hijinx and Disability Arts Cymru on a project to make our organisations more relevant to diverse groups, organisations and people.



Highlights

- Matched 27 new buddy pairs and recruited 32 new volunteers.
- Launched Gig Buddies in Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot.
- Had a glow-up with a new logo.

Across Wales

- To make Gig Buddy projects across the UK easily recognisable, we all adopted similar logos. Our new logo was designed in co-production with our buddies.
- Buddies spoke on TV about the problems of a cashless society and transport issues in north Wales. We were also in Golwg360 magazine and on BBC 6 Music.
- The Welsh Music Prize chose us as their official charity partner. 40 buddies attended the awards and Cardiff buddy Richie was a juror for the prize.
- Our social media content volunteer Victoria continues to create great content and presented at All Wales People First's AdFest.
- We now have over 1,500 followers on Instagram and 3,400 followers on Facebook. We are also on TikTok!
- We were proud to have 2 buddies chair the Learning Disability Wales annual conference – Victoria in Llandudno Junction and Richie in Swansea.



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Cardiff

We recruited 32 new volunteers and made 14 new matches. We now have 49 Gig Buddy pairs in Cardiff!

We organised 20 social events with buddies including live music, karaoke, crazy golf, wrestling, clubbing, and Pride Cymru.

Buddies have also helped spread the word about Gig Buddies at a large company Maximus, Sŵn Festival, Creative Industries careers fair and festivals!

A group of buddies teamed up with Gig Buddies Bristol to watch Busted!



North Wales

We recruited 13 new volunteers and made 12 matches.

Buddies plan their own social events. They organised 8 social events including meals out, clubbing, a talent show and a pool tournament.

Buddies helped us spread the word at Focus Wales, Caernarfon food

festival, Plum Fest and the Flint and Denbighshire show.

We built relationships in the communities such as Piws (an accessibility organisation), person centred planning network, county voluntary councils, Police Commissioner and organisations representing global majorities.

“I didn’t go to live sports before because of crowds, I was nervous. To go with Julian, I feel safe with him, he likes sport, we have fun and laughs. I feel like an adult - confident and I have the freedom to go out and to stay out late”.
Morgan and Julian



Swansea and Neath Port Talbot

The project started in July and has been a huge success. Time was spent in communities building relationships. 36 new participants joined, some from our drop-in sessions. We recruited 5 volunteers and made 2 matches.

Our Port Talbot launch featured a music and games evening where 50 people attended, including families.

170 people attended our Swansea launch gig, headlined by Adwaith. Many had never attended a live music gig before. People with a learning disability mixed with other live music fans and 'stayed up late' in an accessible and fully inclusive, mainstream space. The evening was hosted by Gig Buddy participant Richie Horrigan.

Over 10 socials were held, with a focus on trying new things and buddies involved

in planning their own events. We had a backstage tour of Swansea arena, stayed out late in Port Talbot and went to an adult panto in Neath to name a few! Buddies also attended Solo Presents – a 2-day festival in Margam Park.

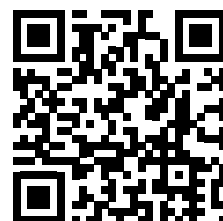
We are excited to be building a relationship with Swansea City Football Club that we hope will lead to more opportunities for people with a learning disability to experience live sport and help improve accessibility at the club.

“It feels so good to be out in town on a Friday night – especially with my mates”
Gig Buddy participant

“Amazing work in such a short space of time! Can’t wait to see what 2025 brings!!” *Parent/carer*



**Volunteer
as a Gig Buddy**
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Our staff



Zoe Richards - Chief Executive Officer

Policy and Communications



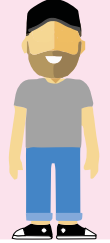
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Influencing and Informing Engage to Change



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Our trustees and members

Trustees

Our trustees serve a 3 year term of office and new trustees are elected at our AGM each year. If you are interested in being a trustee, please email joanne.moore@ldw.org.uk.

Community of Interest	Number of seats	Trustees	Representing
Full Member reps			
Adult providers	2	Rhian Jones Claire Higgins	Drive Anheddau Cyf
Self-advocacy	2	James Tyler Angharad Williams	All Wales People First Your Voice Advocacy
Family carers	2	Adele Rose-Morgan Richard Cox	Joining the Dots Ategi
Family support providers	2	Lynne Whistance Sana Tabassum Shaikh	The Pobl Group EYST
Supported employment	1	Vacant	

Open seats	Number of seats	Trustees
Interested individuals	6 (flexible)	Tracy Hammond (Chair), Stephen Cox, Ramona Murray, Jonathan Griffiths, Georgia Miggins, Nadine Honeybone

Advisors: Steve Beyer and Kathryn Whitfield

Members and supporters

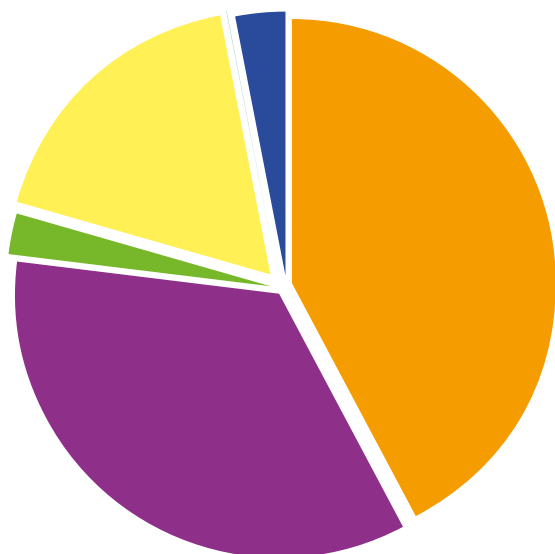
Type of membership	Number of members
Full	95
Supporters	2,359



 If you'd like to become a member or a supporter you can find all the details on our website at: www.ldw.org.uk/about-us/become-a-member/

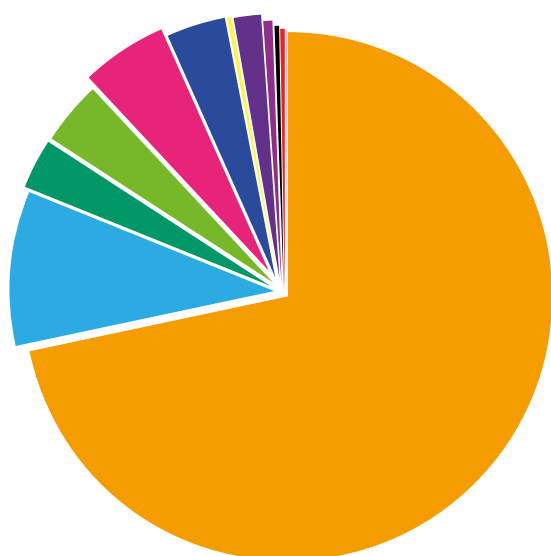
How we spent our money

Money we received this year



Source of money	Amount
Welsh Government grant	£400,000 (42.48%)
UK projects	£325,398 (34.56%)
Training and events	£22,771 (2.42%)
Consultancy, networks and hosted services	£165,828 (17.61%)
Donations	£981 (0.10%)
Bank interest	£26,692 (2.83%)
Total	£941,670 (100.00%)

Money we spent this year



Category	Amount
Staff and travel	£698,200 (71.68%)
Grants to UK project partners	£92,585 (9.51%)
Courses and conferences	£31,055 (3.19%)
Looking after our building	£37,289 (3.83%)
Project events	£51,378 (5.27%)
Running the office	£34,690 (3.56%)
Freelance costs	£2,573 (0.26%)
Translation	£18,193 (1.87%)
Irrecoverable VAT	£3,288 (0.34%)
Audit fees	£3,690 (0.38%)
Depreciation	£858 (0.09%)
Trustees meetings	£264 (0.03%)
Total	£974,063 (100.00%)

End of year result:

The deficit of £32,393 consists of an unrestricted deficit after transfers of £32,393 and a restricted deficit of £nil.

Our year in pictures

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Our year in numbers

April 2024 to March 2025



Learning Disability Wales
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Influencing policy



7 consultation responses



Organised 4 meetings of the Cross Party Group on Learning Disability



1 Homes Not Hospitals protest

Easy Read Wales



Worked with 55 clients



Made over 170 pieces of Easy Read work

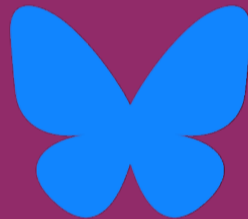


Made 2 new free Easy Read guides

Keeping you informed



25 news articles on our website



1 new Bluesky account



28,000 website visitors



6,565 followers on Facebook

Events and Training



Nearly 200 people at our annual conferences in Swansea and Llandudno Junction



3 events about commissioning guidance for people with a learning disability



13 training sessions on making information accessible

Influencing and Informing Engage to Change



Supported internships now offered in all 13 FE colleges in Wales



5 colleges are piloting the Supported Internship Quality Assurance Framework



4 events sharing the findings of the project



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

1 commitment from Welsh Government to include supported employment in future programmes

Gig Buddies Cymru

new



1 new project - Swansea, Neath Port Talbot



28 new gig buddy matches



32 socials across Wales