

# Our Vote, Our Voice

Peer training about elections by people with learning difficulties

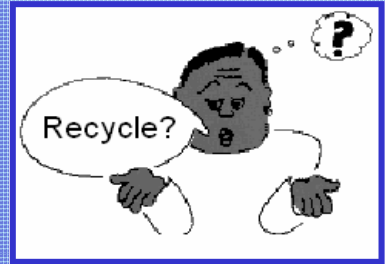


**“Having our say means  
telling people what we need...”**

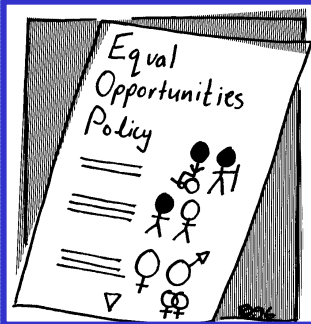
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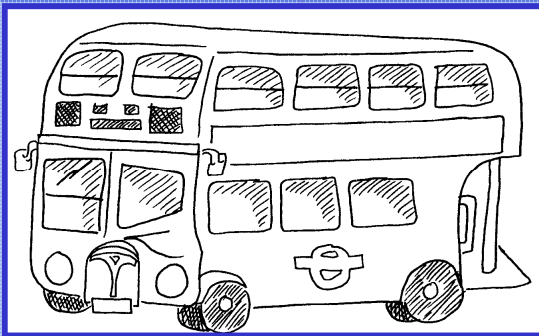
'Help me to talk about my rights.'



'Bullying and harassment and personal safety are the important things.'



'We need better transport. And we should let people keep their bus passes so they don't just stay in the house because they can't afford the fares. It's not good for people.'



## We asked people:

What things you want the people who have been elected to do to help people with disabilities?

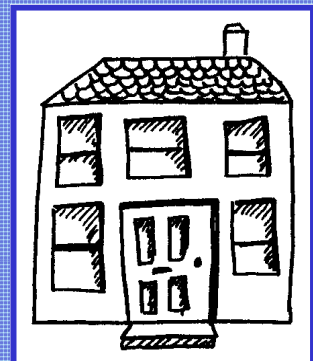
'Make sure disabled people are heard and that they have someone to talk to. Also to make sure they answer the questions we have for them.'



'To help make me feel safe in my local area.'



'To make sure that people with a disability get a proper house, job and get a chance to do things like everybody else.'



'People with learning difficulties should be able to earn more before their benefits are cut.'



## We asked people:

### What things would make voting easier for you?

‘Easy to read voting papers and symbols should be used.’

‘It was hard to fill out the form, so that could be easier.’

‘Information Officers at all polling stations to help voters understand the ballot papers.’

‘Colours of different parties on the voting papers.’

‘Get rid of the voting papers used recently as I could not follow them.’

‘Ballot papers should have photographs of candidates to make it easier.’

‘All election information should be available in easy-read versions.’



Outside the Box has been given a grant by the Electoral Commission to produce a pack encouraging people with learning difficulties to take part in elections. In order to find out what people need from the project, Outside the Box has been collecting opinions about elections.

It was felt by all the people who took part that it was important to tell other people what they thought.

*(The content of this leaflet has been gathered throughout the life of the Elections Project.—Specifically the Feedback Day for the project organised in Dundee on 6 July 2007.)*



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