Voices for our Future

Calls for change from people with a learning disability

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This booklet tells you:

- What **Voices for our Future** is about
- How you can join in

Talk with your supporters about this booklet.

Note to your supporters:

The aim of this booklet is to communicate what 'Voices for our Future' is about and what it says.

This has been written using easy read format. Some people will need their support workers to read this with them or to use an alternative communication method.

What is in this booklet:

Part 1

What 'Voices for our Future' is about

This part tells you what the 'Voices for our Future' document is about.

Part 2

How you can join in

This part tells you what you can do to join in.

Part 1: What the 'Voices for our Future' document is about

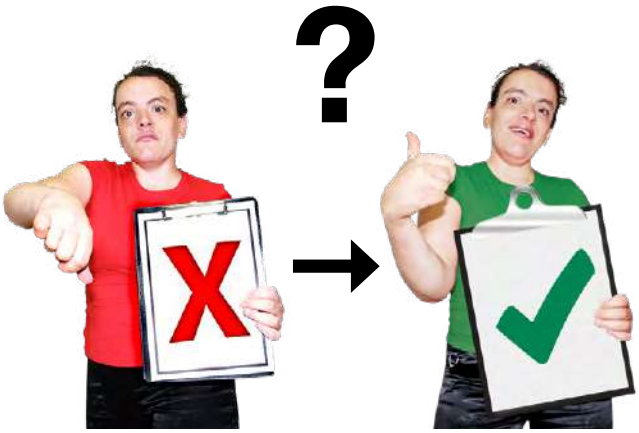
This part tells you about:

- What **Voices for our Future** is all about
- The four issues included in **Voices for our Future**
- What needs to change so people with a learning disability can live their best life possible

Voices for our Future talks about the issues Hft will campaign on so the lives of people with a learning disability get better.

Campaigning means asking for things to change to make things better.

Voices for our Future was written after we spoke to lots of people with a learning disability.



We asked them what needs to change so they can live their best life possible.

They said there were four issues which must change so they can live their best life possible.

These are the issues Hft will campaign on...

The issues are:

1. **Social Care**
2. **Housing**
3. **Employment**
4. **Attitudes**

For every issue, **Voices for our Future** explains:

- The future people with a learning disability want.
- What must change to make things better.

1 The first issue in Voices for our Future is social care.

Social care means the support some people with a learning disability get to live their life.

They might get support to:

- Get dressed
- Make their food
- Go out to meet friends.

People with a learning disability said:

We want a future where everyone with a learning disability gets the right support, when they need it.

There needs to be more money for social care:

- So everyone who needs support can receive it.

- So support staff can be paid better and more people want to work in social care.

2 The second issue in Voices for our Future is housing.

People with a learning disability said:

We want a future where everyone with a learning disability can live fully in a community we choose.

There must be more accessible and supported housing so everyone can live in a home they can use and enjoy.

3 The third issue in Voices for our Future is employment.

Employment means having a job.

People with a learning disability said:

We want a future where people with a learning disability have the opportunity to...

- Be paid a fair amount of money for the job they do
- Do a job they enjoy

People with a learning disability must get better support when they are trying to find a job, and while they have a job.

Jobs must be more accessible for people with a learning disability.

4 The fourth issue in Voices for our Future is attitudes towards people with a learning disability.

People with a learning disability said:

We want a world where everyone with a learning disability is treated equally and with kindness.

There should be better disability awareness among the public.

There must be an end to disability hate crime in person and online.

Part 2: How you can join in

This part tells you about:

- Some actions you might want to take if you care about the things in this document.

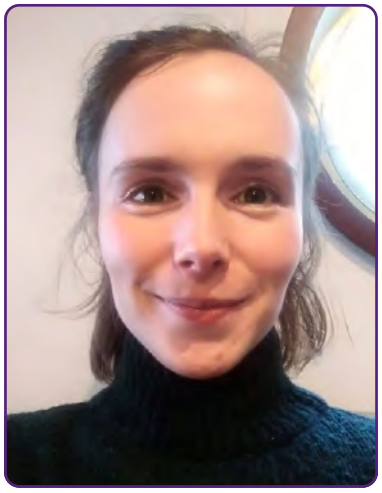
If you care about the things you have read in the Voices for our Future you might want to:

Share this with other people with learning disabilities.

Share this on social media, for example, through Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube.

Write to a politician about it. For example, your MP.

Get in touch with **Viki Hemmingway** if you have any questions:



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