

UCL Research project

Public engagement in intellectual disabilities research

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In this easy read report we say **learning disabilities** for **intellectual disabilities**



Date of the project

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Why we did the project

We want to involve people with learning disabilities in research for people with learning disabilities



We worked with 19 people with learning disabilities from



- Camden Surge advocacy group



- Islington Power and Control (PAC) group



- Speaking Up Southwark (SUS)



The idea of the project was to

- ask people with learning disabilities what research we should be doing



- find out if people with learning disabilities want to be co-researchers



We had 3 workshop meetings and 1 big meeting



We taped the meetings and took notes in the small group discussions

We looked at 6 possible areas of learning disabilities research



- access to health care



- getting good support



- housing



- inclusion



- jobs and money



- the right to relationships



People talked about each topic and then chose up to 3 topics that they felt are the most important to research



They brought those topics to the big meeting

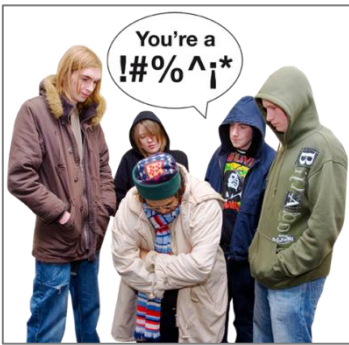


The 3 topics that people with learning disabilities said are the most important for research are



Inclusion

People feel that



- they are still often the victims of abuse and hate crime



- they are rejected when they try to access leisure activities, like night clubs



- many people don't take them seriously because of their learning disability



Health

People are worried about

- accessibility of health services



- problems with complicated telephone options



- many people not aware of yearly health checks



Housing

People are worried about



- Point systems - people with learning disabilities should be at the top of the waiting list



- We don't know enough about the kind of housing people need or want



The group said that the topic they would most like to see more research on was **housing**



There is a plan to apply for funding for a project on housing



We will work with people with learning disabilities to do that



We will also work with other colleagues at UCL to help us with the study



The project has started a network of London based groups of people with learning disabilities who are interested in research



This research network gives us the opportunity to involve people with learning disabilities in UCL research



If you want to talk to us about this project or future work please contact us



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