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A new Government Disability Strategy

The Government is committed to making a difference to disabled people's lives and they are working towards a new Disability Strategy. They want to ensure there is appropriate support and involvement for disabled people at key life stages, in order to support disabled people's potential for education, work and independent living.

The strategy will influence everything the government does and how that affects disabled people. The strategy will also help people outside of government to understand where they should focus their resources.

However this won't work without the involvement of disabled people. We want you to get involved!

The ILA is holding two workshops across West Sussex which will contribute towards developing a new disability strategy under this Government. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your views and tell us about what is important to you.

At each event there will be three discussion workshops for attendees to choose from:

- Realising aspirations
- Individual control
- Changing attitudes and behaviours

Please let us know which workshop you wish to attend when you book your place (you can read more about each workshop below).

The events details are:

Wednesday 15th February, 10.30-1.00, Crawley, K2

Wednesday 22nd February, 10.00-12.30, Bognor Regis, Arena Sports Centre

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

After each event the ILA will compile a report and submit this to contribute to the new Disability Strategy.

If you would like to take part in this incredible opportunity please contact Cara or Alice on 01903 219482 to book your place at your chosen event.

I want to contribute- what if I can't attend this event?

If you are unable to make it to either of our events you can still contribute to the Government's new Disability Strategy by filling out an online questionnaire at:

<https://www2.dwp.gov.uk/odi/disability/disability-strategy-discussion.asp>

Disability strategy consultation event: workshop guide

Workshop one: 'Realising aspirations'

The Government is committed to ensuring appropriate support and intervention for disabled people at key life transitions, to realise disabled people's potential and aspirations for education, work and independent living.

As part of this we want to know:

- What ideas do you have that could make a difference to you in getting an education, getting a job or being able to live independently?
- What would help you manage better at times of change in your life?
- In those situations, how are you supported or held back by other people?

Workshop two: 'Individual control'

The Government is committed to enabling disabled people to make their own choices and have the right opportunities to live independently. We want to ensure that disabled people have personal control over the services they receive, and that support is delivered in the way they want it - across every area of their day-to-day lives, for example accommodation, travel or employment.

As part of this we want to know:

- What helps you to have choice and control over your day-to-day life and the support you get?
- What else would help you to have more choice and control over your day-to-day life and the support you get?
- What would help you to access services and activities which suit your needs? For example education, transport, housing, health, social care, and sport, social and recreational activities.
- How can you be involved in decisions that affect your local area?

Workshop three: 'Changing attitudes and behaviours'

We want to promote positive attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people to enable participation in work, community life and wider society, tackling discrimination and harassment wherever they occur.

As part of this we want to know:

- What works well in changing the way other people treat disabled people?
- What else is important in changing the way other people treat disabled people?
- What can we do to make sure that everyone recognises the contribution that disabled people can make?