



# All Wales People First

# Manifesto



for the National Assembly for Wales Elections

## 2007

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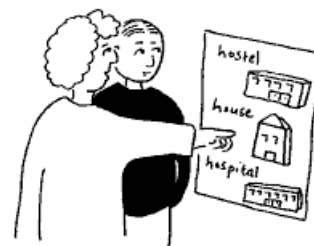


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## A Manifesto for people with learning disabilities for the National Assembly for Wales Elections 2007

### 1. We have the right to control our own lives

The new Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) should make sure that at least half of young people with a learning disability leaving school in **Summer 2008** have a person centred plan. This should deal with future education, career and housing choices. Everyone leaving school should have a plan like this by **1 April 2009**.



The WAG should make sure that from **1 April 2008** there is advocacy available in every part of Wales to support all of us who need it.



The WAG should mount in Wales from **1 April 2008** a pilot scheme like the one already underway in England that gives us "Individual Budgets", pooling our money from social services, health, housing and benefits.

### 2. We have the right to speak up for ourselves

The WAG should by **1 April 2008** set out in partnership with **All Wales People First** clear standards on how we can be full partners in every county planning group and in each service we use.



The WAG should provide secure long-term funding from **1 April 2008** for effective and independent self advocacy groups covering every part of Wales.



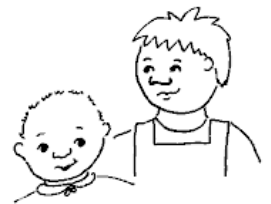
### 3. We all have the right to respect

The WAG should from **1 April 2009** make sure that funds for services are only given to bodies that meet the Assembly's standards on how we can be full partners in planning and running services.



### 4. We have the right to personal growth

The WAG should make sure that by the end of **2007** every child under 5 with learning disabilities can take part - with the support they need - in the same play and learning opportunities as other children.



The WAG should make sure that from **1 September 2008** every child with learning disabilities starting school can benefit - with the support they need - from the same schools as other children.

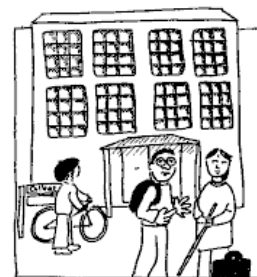


The WAG should make sure that from **1 September 2008** every school leaver who wants to can take up - with the support they need - the same college courses as other students.



## 5. We have the right to be included in the same activities as everyone else

The WAG should make sure that by the end of **2008** all of us can benefit - with the support we need - from the same adult education, voluntary work, paid work and leisure activities locally like everyone else.



The WAG should make sure that by the end of **2007** all of us have the information we need to try paid work without fear of losing our benefits if it doesn't work out.



The WAG should make sure that by the end of **2008** half of us of working age can have paid work through supported employment. All of us should have this opportunity by the end of **2010**.

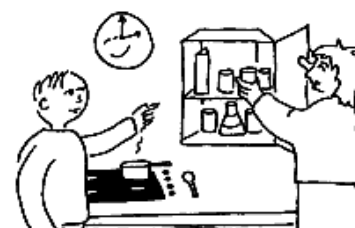


## 6. We have the right to friendships and relationships

The WAG should ask Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group to produce proposals by **1 April 2008** for sex education, training, advice and support - so that all men and women can have relationships and become successful parents, if that's what they would like.



The WAG should make sure that from **1 April 2009** funds for supported housing are only given to bodies that respect our right to choose who we live with, both when we move in and when there are changes afterwards.



## 7. We have the right the right to choose how and where we live

The WAG should by the end of **2008** make sure that all of us moving out of our family homes can - with the support we need - live in ordinary housing in line with our own wishes and needs. This should be there for all of us by the end of **2010**.

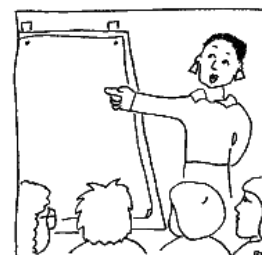


## 8. We have the right to good quality health care

The WAG should make sure that by **1 April 2008** all of us with learning disabilities can access - with the support we need - the same high quality health care as everyone else.



The WAG should by **1 September 2008** complete an evaluation of the schemes in which people with learning disabilities train health staff on disability issues. All health staff should have training like this by the end of **2010**.



The WAG should by the end of **2008** develop and pilot - in partnership with **All Wales People First** - a system of quality standards for health care. They should roll out the new system across Wales by the end of **2010**.



## 9. We have the right to good quality support

The WAG should by the end of **2008** launch a pilot project in which support staff are trained on disability issues by those of us who have learning disabilities. Staff in all services should be trained like this by the end of **2010**.



The WAG should make sure that all of us have - with the right support - full control over choosing and training the staff who work with us. We should be the people who say how well they are doing their jobs. This should be in place for all of us using services for the first time by the end of **2008** - and for all of us by the end of **2010**.

