

Lobbying Toolkit

Picking Your Issue



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What is an Issue?

People with disabilities have lots of issues or problems in their life. There are lots of things that you would probably like to happen to make things better for yourself and for other people with disabilities. Some of these might include:



Better Transport



Good Jobs



Access to buildings



More Houses



Choose who you live with



Good Pay



Doing things in the community



Your human rights



Getting your money



Closing institutions



Plain English

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How Do We Pick an Issue?

The first step to lobbying is to pick an issue or problem that your group would like to work on. If you have not done lobbying before it is a good idea to start by working on just one issue. Here are the steps you can do to help your group pick your issue.



Step 1 Photocopy the “Issues Important to Me” form in this kit and handout copies to the members of your group.



Step 2 Each person should tick two issues on the sheet they think are important. If your issue is not on the sheet there is space at the bottom the sheet to add other issues.

Step 3 Ask people if they would like to tell the group the issues they ticked and why?

Step 4 Photocopy and handout the “Which Issue is Most Popular” form and handout. This form will help you work out which issue is most important for the people in your group.

Which issues are the most popular?

Issue	No of ticks
<input type="checkbox"/> I want better public transport	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want a parking lot	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want buildings to be accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want more facilities for people with disabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to choose where I live and who I live with	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to get more pay for the work I do	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want more things to do in the community	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to have my human rights	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want control of my money	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want the government to listen to what I say I need	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want facilities to clean	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want information in ways I can understand	
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to get the support I need to communicate	
Other	

The issue with the most ticks is:














Step 5 Talk about the issue picked. Why is it important? What should happen to make things change for the better? Ask everyone if they are happy to pick this issue for the group to work on



Step 6 Now you have picked your issue go to Book 3 to learn about the people who can help you to lobby.



Issues Important to Me!!!

 <p>I want better public transport <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want a good job <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want buildings to be accessible <input type="checkbox"/></p>
 <p>I want more houses for people with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want to choose where I live and who I live with <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want to get more pay for the work I do <input type="checkbox"/></p>
 <p>I want more things to do in the community <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want to have my human rights <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want control of my money <input type="checkbox"/></p>
 <p>I want the government to listen to what I say I need <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want institutions to close <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <p>I want information in ways I can understand <input type="checkbox"/></p>
 <p>I want to get the support I need to communicate <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Other: draw or write here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Other: draw or write here <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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We want a good jobs	
We want buildings to accessible	
We want more houses for people with disabilities	
We want to choose where I live and who I live with	
We want to get more pay for the work I do	
We want more things to do in the community	
We want to have my human rights	
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