

The importance of voting

Learning disability issues are regularly discussed by members of the main political parties.

In the last six years, learning disability has been mentioned in debates or official letters from MPs over 1,200 times. **That is over three times a week.¹**

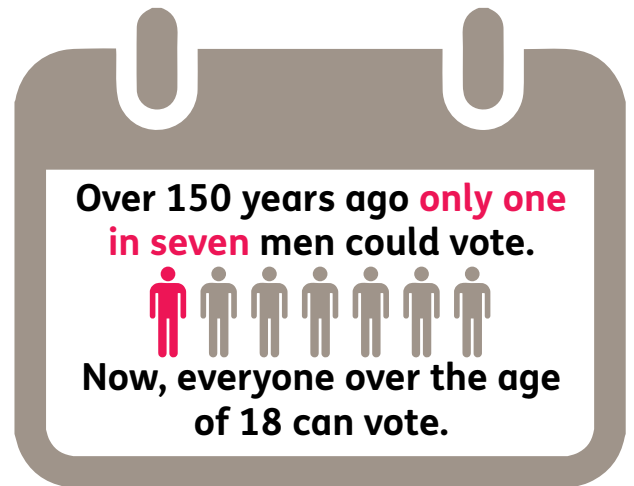
Over 150 MPs supported our last campaign to encourage people with a learning disability to vote.

1995

The **Disability Discrimination Act** of 1995 made it illegal to discriminate in respect to employment, services, education and transport based on someone's disability.

2010

In 2010, the Act was brought into the **Equality Act**, making it illegal to discriminate based on someone's age, gender, partnership, belief, sexual orientation or disability.

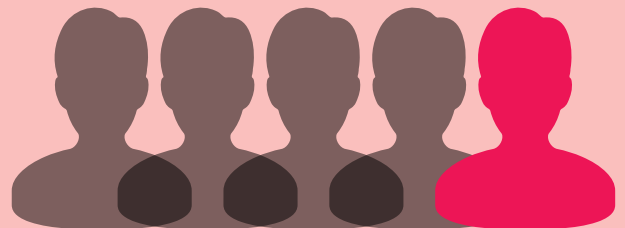


Over half the UK voted during the last General Election.

The last General Election was also the first time that **three of the main parties** produced easy read manifestos.



In 2005, **fewer than 1 in 5** people with a learning disability voted in the General Election.²



In 2010, **almost 1 in 3** people with a learning disability voted.³



1. An approximate figure from TheyWorkForYou.com from a basic search of learning disabilities. This is undoubtedly a conservative estimate.

2. <http://www.mencap.org.uk/campaigns/take-action/get-my-vote>

3. <http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/learning-disability-charity-run-voting-6988132>



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