

Guide on going to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Learning Disability (APPG) Meeting



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This Guide is about going to an APPG meeting.



It is important that people with a learning disability speak up for their rights and share their stories.



The All Party Parliamentary Group on Learning Disability (APPG) meets to talk about important issues that affect people with a learning disability and their families.

The group meets and hears about a range of issues and talks about how things can be improved for people with a learning disability.



You can find out about future meetings by going to the Mencap website. We also put notes about our meetings on the website.

Stakeholders, Members of Parliament and Members of the House of Lords go to the meetings.

Stakeholders are people or groups that are interested in learning disability issues.

How to get to Parliament



APPG meetings are held at the Palace of Westminster.

[Here is a link to a map](#)

The nearest Tube Station is Westminster.

How to get in Parliament



When you go to the APPG meeting you should give plenty of time before the meeting to get through security.

You need to **print out a copy of your invite** and bring this with you to show security.



You need to queue up at the Cromwell Green Entrance. It is marked as number 8 on the map.



Sometimes there can be a long queue through security because people have to follow security rules.



Security may take a photo of you and give you a visitor pass.



You have to empty your pockets and put any bags and coats into a tray.



It needs to be checked by a special camera machine like at airports.



You sometimes may be asked to show ID like your Passport that has a photo of you and your date of birth.



People with wheelchairs have to follow the same security process.

You will need to ask where the committee room is for the APPG that you are going to.

It can be hard to find the room but there are lots of people around to help you, and answer questions.



Wheelchair users will be taken by a staff member to a lift that will take them to the committee room.

[Here is a link to more information about disability access.](#)



Mark Harper MP will chair the meeting and introduce the speakers to the rest of the panel in the meeting.



The speakers will then speak about the issue. Often Government Ministers will attend.



You will get a chance to ask questions after the

panel members have finished speaking.

We really like it when people with a learning disability get involved in asking questions.

Please let us know before the meeting if you would like to ask a question.

The Meeting is around 1 hour or 1 and half hours.

If you have any questions about this Guide or how to attend the APPG meeting, please contact myself.



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