



**#OurVoiceOurRights**  
Time to make rights a reality for autistic  
people and people with a learning disability.

# Our Voice Our Rights

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**What is a campaign?**

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## What is a campaign



A campaign is when people decide they want to work together to make something better.

Charities campaign for things to get better for their members.



A campaign is organised.

This means that the people who lead the campaign decide together what they should do.

A campaign usually has a name.

Our campaign is called “Our Voice Our Rights”



Some campaigns are short.

Some campaigns take a very long time.

It all depends on what the campaign is trying to make happen.



# What is Our Voice Our Rights about?

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## What is Our Voice Our Rights About?



Our Voice Our Rights is about making Scotland the best country in the world for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

There are 120,000 people who have a learning disability in Scotland.

Some people think it is really closer to 175,000.

There are around 56,000 autistic people in Scotland.



Our Voice Our Rights is about making sure that autistic people and people with a learning disability are listened to and have their rights respected.



The campaign is asking for the Scottish Government to create a new position within the Scottish Government.

This person would be called the “Autism and Learning Disability Commissioner”



# How did the campaign start?

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## How did the campaign start?



There are 3 charities involved in the campaign:

ENABLE Scotland



National Autistic Society Scotland

Scottish  
autism

and Scottish Autism

WHERE AUTISTIC PEOPLE  
ARE VALUED



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## How did the campaign start?



Charities speak up for their members.

Every charity speaks up for different groups of people.



Sometimes different people can benefit from the same thing.

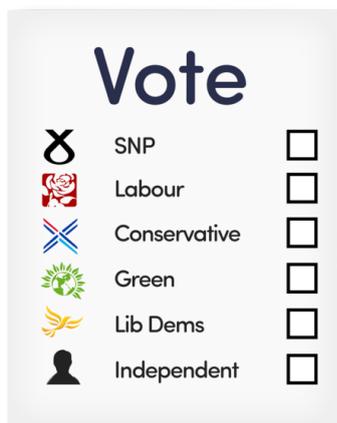
We think autistic people and people with a learning disability would benefit from having an Autism and Learning Disability Commissioner in Scotland.



The charities decided that they would work together to tell people why having an Autism and Learning Disability Commissioner was a good idea for all of their members and their families.

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## How did the campaign start?



In May 2021 Scotland will hold an election.

This will be the chance for people in Scotland to vote for who they want to be their MSPs in the Scottish Parliament.



This can be a good time to campaign.

It is a chance to speak to people who want to become MSPs and ask them to promise to support our ideas that will make things better.



We are asking them to stand up for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

We are asking them to say that they support our idea to set up an Autism and Learning Disability Commissioner.



# What is a Commissioner?

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## What is a Commissioner?



Scotland would be the first country in the world to have an Autism and Learning Disability Commissioner.



The Commissioner would be there to stand up for the rights of autistic people and people with a learning disability.



They would help people access the services and the support that they need.

They would speak up for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

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## What is a Commissioner?



The Commissioner would be an important position.

The Commissioner would help autistic people and people with a learning disability get the services and the support that they need.



There have been lots of government reports that say how things can be made better for autistic people and people with a learning disability.

These reports suggest things that need to change to make life better for autistic people and people with a learning disability.



The campaign says that a Commissioner would help to make sure that what government reports say should happen really does happen.



**How can I help the  
campaign?**

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## How can I help the campaign?



We would love you to help our campaign.

You can do that by telling more people about the campaign.



If you have social media, you can post about the campaign.

Some examples of social media you might use are:

Facebook  
Twitter  
Instagram

You can write a post on social media.

If you do this you should include a hashtag.

A hashtag lets people see all the messages about a specific thing.

The Our Voice Our Rights hashtag is:

#OurVoiceOurRights



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We would also like as many people as possible to write a letter to their MSPs.

Your MSPs are the people who represent you in the Scottish Parliament.



We have a letter you can send them.

It will tell them about our campaign.

It will tell them how they can support our campaign.



If you want to do this but you don't know how, then we can help you.

You can speak to your local ACE Facilitator or contact ENABLE Scotland by sending us an email and become an ENABLE member.

[Familyconnect@enable.org.uk](mailto:Familyconnect@enable.org.uk)





**How can I learn more and  
stay involved in  
the campaign?**

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## How can I learn more and stay involved in the campaign?



You can learn more about the campaign by visiting the following websites:

[Enable.org.uk/ourvoiceourrights](http://Enable.org.uk/ourvoiceourrights)

[www.OurVoiceOurRights.org](http://www.OurVoiceOurRights.org)



If you are someone with a learning disability you can join your local ACE group or ACE Connect!

[Aceconnect@enable.org.uk](mailto:Aceconnect@enable.org.uk)

0300 303 1928



If you want to talk to someone about getting involved with ENABLE Scotland and becoming a member you can contact our Family Connect service.

[Familyconnect@enable.org.uk](mailto:Familyconnect@enable.org.uk)

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