

Welcome to BILD

Working to improve the quality of life of people with learning disabilities

THANK YOU for taking the time to find out about the British Institute of Learning Disabilities.

BILD's work has never been more needed than it is now. As the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights made clear, the human rights of people with learning disabilities are violated every day.

As well, recent investigations such as the Health Service Ombudsman's 'Six Lives' report into the deaths of people with learning disabilities receiving treatment in hospital, have exposed neglect, abuse, discrimination and indifference. That is why BILD has decided that a human rights framework is central to our future work.

BILD believes that listening to the views and experiences of people with learning disabilities and their family carers is central to developing effective services.

While we do this in our work in developing effective policy and practice, as well using our conferences, events and publications to spread good advice and demonstrate the benefits of best practice, we also work hard to ensure we have an effective and informed membership to help spread the word as well.

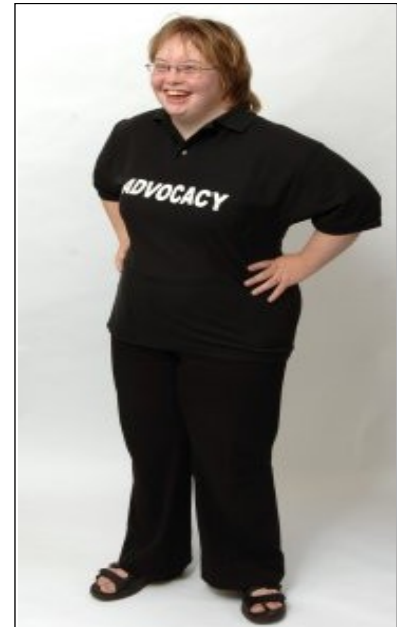
If you would like to become a BILD member call 01562 723 010 or visit our website www.bild.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.



Keith Smith
Chief Executive

The outcomes we want for people's lives

- I make everyday choices.
- I make important decisions about my life.
- People treat me with respect.
- I take part in everyday activities.
- I have friendships and relationships.
- I am part of my local community.
- I get the chance to work.
- People listen to my family's views.
- I am safe from bullying and abuse.
- I get help to stay healthy.



Human rights – at the heart of all BILD's work

At BILD we believe that people with learning disabilities and their families have, and should be able to enjoy on an equal basis, the same human rights as everyone else. We are committed to work in this area because we want people with learning disabilities to be valued equally, participate fully in their communities and be treated with dignity and respect.

Recent work has focused on the Mental Capacity Act and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and we have also been completing a project called *Hearing from the Seldom Heard* which focuses on complaints for people who do not use words to communicate. We have been successful in a funding application for an 18 month project, Excellence in BME (Black and Ethnic Minority) Advocacy, which will build on



BILD's first Human Rights conference was held in March

the work we have already done and also look at how individual budgets are working for people from BME communities. Future plans include work on human rights and health, look out for updates on our website.

Services to support change

BILD's wide range of services, not for profit, but for making an impact



Supporting Success

In the last year over 1,600 people have gained an award through one of BILD's 31 Satellite Centres. Our Satellite Centre service supports organisations who want to offer the *Induction Award: Supporting People with a Learning Disability*, or *Level 3 Certificate in Independent Advocacy* to their staff but don't want to be a Centre in their own right with an awarding body like City & Guilds or the Open College Network.

BILD's Satellite Centres range from NHS Trusts, Local Authorities, private care providers and independent training providers. For more on the support offered by our Learning and Qualification Service, go to www.bild.org.uk/qualifications or email lqs@bild.org.uk

A Quality Network that improves people's lives

For the last 10 years, the British Institute of Learning Disabilities has successfully delivered the Quality Network for people with learning disabilities and staff who support them, to improve their lives and make a real difference in the choices and opportunities that are available to them.



The 10 Quality Outcomes have been a powerful tool to help shape services and provide a simple but important

assessment of how individuals are living their lives, the choices they make and what actions can be taken for improvements.

The Quality Network is about involving people, inclusion, listening to their views, reviewing what's working well and what isn't working well, delivering continuous improvement and achieving better outcomes for people with learning disabilities. BILD intends to use the same philosophy to undertake a

major review of the Quality Network to ensure that it is responding to and meeting new policy initiatives, new ways of working and the new opportunities that are available for people with learning disabilities, family carers, providers and commissioners.

Publications and journals

BILD's publications have one purpose — to help people and organisations change. We use them to set new and better standards, to explain what is best practice and, where necessary, to define what is the law, and what is not. Our publications around physical intervention and positive behaviour support are a good example.

Are we successful? Well in the last year we sold over 3,000 books on this subject alone, many of them seen as defining the standard for best practice in this area, and more are planned to meet demand.

Making employment work
new ideas, best practice and practical support
for people with learning disabilities to get a job

Conference:
Wednesday 8 July 09
St. John's Hotel, Solihull
West Midlands

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Conferences that can make things happen

Throughout the year we run up to eight major conferences around our key themes. Typically attracting delegates from social services, education, health and employment.

We also work in partnership with a number of key organisations to deliver conferences and events on current practice and policy and sharing innovative ways of working within the field of learning disabilities—all to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities.

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