



## Calling all advocacy or research groups of people with learning difficulties....

Are you doing any research?

Do you want to have your work published?



### What is research?

Research is studying a subject in detail.

By doing research you can

- Learn more about a subject;
- Find out new knowledge and information.
- Find out about the real life experiences of people with learning difficulties.



### Finding out about the research which is being done:

The British Journal of Learning Disabilities has reports about the research which is being done by, about and with people with learning difficulties. The research reports have to be a high standard to be included.

People with learning difficulties are the experts about their lives and experiences...so it is right that they are the involved in researching about themselves.



In summer 2012, there will be a special issue of the British Journal of Learning Disabilities.

The theme of this special issue will be:

**'The research and work of people with learning difficulties and their allies and supporters'.**

All the reports in this special issue will be written or co-written by people with learning difficulties.

You can apply to put your research report into this special issue.

## Research about what?

Your research can be on any subject. Here are some ideas:

- Friendships, relationships and sex;
- the cuts to services
- getting work
- issues for young people with learning difficulties;
- issues about loss and grieving;
- being a parent with learning difficulties;
- people with complex needs not being heard;
- health issues; getting information about medication;
- who owns the research which people with learning difficulties do?



The Partnership Steering Group at Manchester University will be reviewing the research reports which are sent in. People with learning difficulties are members of this group.

Would you like your research report to be published in the Special Issue of the British Journal of Learning Disabilities?

The closing date is **27<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

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