



## ARC / LDC Conference 2009

Regent's College Conference Centre, Regent's College,  
Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS

Please book me onto the **ARC / LDC Conference: Tuesday 17th November 2009**  
(Please photocopy and complete one per delegate)

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Less than 1 weeks notice: 100% of fee      1 – 3 weeks notice: 75% of fee

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## Joint ARC / LDC Annual Conference



# Getting a Thinking Life Differently

Campaigning for better services for people with  
learning disabilities in 2010 and beyond

Regent's College,  
London  
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**Learning  
Disability Coalition**



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## Programme\*

**9.30am: Coffee and registration**

**10.00am: Chairs**

*Dame Jo Williams and Andrew Lee, joint LDC Chairs*

Welcome and set out the objectives for the day.

**10.20am: Key messages from stakeholders in services**

- Someone who uses services  
*Andrew Lee, People First*
- A family carer's perspective  
*Phillipa Russell, OBE*
- A provider's perspective  
*Richard Brook, CEO, Sense*
- A funder's perspective  
*A Local Authority Commissioner*

**11.00am: Thinking differently about choice and control for all**  
*Tom Noon, Cordis Bright*

*At the heart of personalisation lies the issue of rights, choice and control. What does this really mean for us all? Tom begs to think differently on this.*

**11.15am: Coffee and exhibition**

**11.45am: Thinking differently workshops (1) – Mixing policy and practice**

- **W1, Housing** – Finding money for housing: what needs to change?  
*Maurice Harker, Housing Options*
- **W2, Giving us a Voice** – Waking up to issues from young people and families from black and minority ethnic communities. **A Tackling Race Inequalities Fund project**

- **W3, Valuing Staff Now** – New opportunities to develop the workforce. *Zoe Dodd, Project Manager, Learning Disabilities, Skills for Care*
- **W4, A Real Partnership** – Thinking differently about the provider's relationship with families. *Cally will help us to think through what it means to develop real and productive partnerships with families of people we support. Cally Ward, Valuing People Support Team lead*

**12.45pm: Lunch and exhibitions**

**1.45pm: Thinking differently workshops (2) – Mixing policy and practice**

- **W5, Employment Opportunities** – What's new and works? Time to hear from those 'In Business'!  
*Keith Bates, Manager, In Business Team, Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities*
- **W6, Housing** – Finding money for housing: what needs to change?  
*Maurice Harker, Housing Options*
- **W7, Future Perfect?** – Supporting personal assistants and those who employ them. *Yvonne Furze, PAnet Project Manager, ARC*
- **W8, Before June 2010** – Politics do matter! – Your vote matters too! **Every Vote Counts; how to make sure your vote is counted.**  
*Isabel Ros Lopez, Inclusion*

*Manager and Kari Long, Every Vote Counts! Project Manager*

**Plenary session afternoon – Chairs:**  
*Steve Inch, Chair ARC, Simon Cramp, Dimensions Group*

**2.45pm: 'Thinking differently about Human Rights and learning disability' Equality and Human Rights Commission (tbc)**

**3.30pm: General election alert!**  
*What does the learning disability sector need to do in the next six months?*

- How to influence the political parties in the run up to next election?
- Discussion in groups about what to do.

*Commitments to specific actions over next six months from:*

- people who use services
- parents and carers
- providers.

**4.15pm: Tea and close**

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