



**An alliance of Disabled People
& our organisations in England**

Inclusion London

Supporting London's Deaf and
Disabled People's Organisations

Call out to DPOs in England

Help us understand the voice, policy and organisational needs of Disabled people's organisations (DPOs)

Why Does My DPO Need to Get Involved?

Since 2015 about 25% of DPOs have closed and many are hanging on by a thread. It is not just a financial crisis caused by austerity cuts nationally and locally. DPOs also face considerable challenges in developing new leaders, having our voices heard, losing contracts to organisations and charities run by non-disabled people and a lack of diversity and representation reflective of the whole disability community. In particular the lack of BAME, LGBTQI+ and youth representation needs to be urgently addressed.

The Big Lottery have funded this research to support you to create evidence of the future funding needs of our sector. That's why your involvement is crucial in finding out what is needed to create a vibrant and sustainable DPO sector and movement in England.

Your participation will really make a difference!

The Research

The research will be carried out by DPOs in each of the six English regions- North West, North East, Midlands, East, South East & London, South West.

The research will:

- 1: Map the sector - a desk top review of recent sector research and gap analysis of DPOs across England to map DPOs in England and capture key information about number of DPOs in England, what they do and the income they have
- 2: Key DPOs in each region will work with local DPOs and networks of Disabled people to carry out in-depth regional needs analysis work looking at organisational, infrastructure capacity building, leadership, intersectional, voice, representation and policy needs using an online survey and in-depth focus groups.
- 3: Produce a review and reflection piece with DPOs from each region exploring lessons to be learnt from previous DPO regional and national infrastructure organisations including: what worked, what didn't and why and what can we apply to now?
- 4: Carry out a comparative analysis and interviews with leading Human rights regional and national infrastructure bodies across other equalities sectors to identify successful models and approaches we could apply to our sector
- 5: Agree findings from this needs analysis work and co-produce regional and national infrastructure recommendations
- 6: Co-design, cost and write up proposals to implement infrastructure recommendations and secure funding for long term regional and national DPO infrastructure

The work will take 5 months to complete starting in October 2020 and will be completed in February 2021.

How Do We Get Involved?

- 1: Complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire – we need you to tell us all about your organisation, your recent experience and your priorities for the future – here's the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SG2BX8J>
- 2: Volunteer to be part of the focus group interviews where you can share your experiences in more depth and create a vision for future support for DPOs
- 3: Join ROFA so DPOs in England can support each other, have a strong and united voice with government and policy makers and can really make a difference to the lives of Disabled people nationally – [you can join ROFA here:](#)

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