

Making London a good place to live

What the Mayor of London must do



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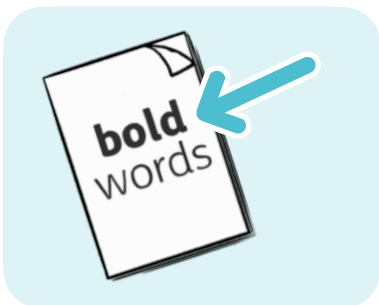
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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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About this booklet

This booklet was written by **Inclusion London**. We are an organisation that:



- Supports organisations that are led by disabled people.



- Speaks up about disabled people's **rights**.

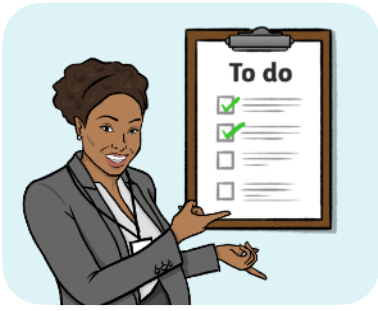
Rights are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe and the right to education.



Disabled people living in London deal with a lot of issues.



We think that the Mayor of London should do more to fix these issues.



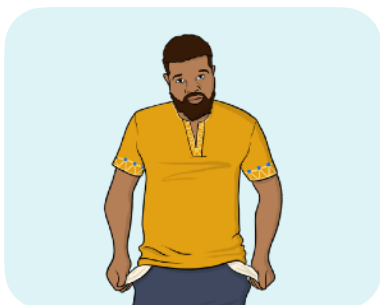
This booklet will tell you what we think the Mayor of London must do.

Issues that disabled people deal with

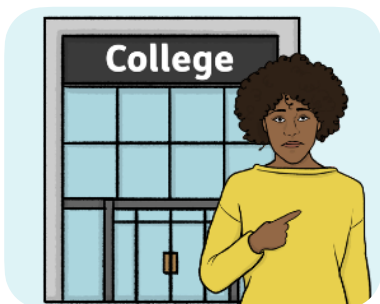
Disabled people living in London deal with many issues, including:



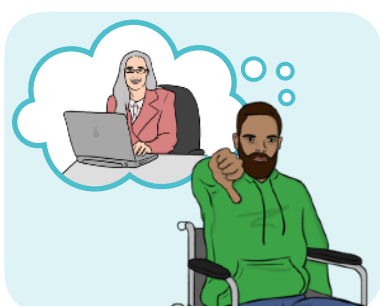
- Being left out or ignored by councils, services and the government.



- Not having enough money.



- Not getting their needs met in places of education, like schools and colleges.



- Not having as many chances when they leave places of education, like being able to get a job.

Disabled people living in London also deal with:

- Not being able to access many different things, like:



- Public transport.



- **Technology** - this is things like computers and mobile phones.



- Housing.



- Activities and events.

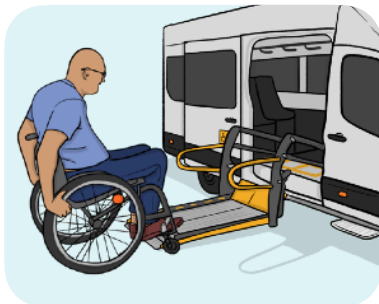
What the Mayor must do



We have come up with 6 things that the Mayor must do to make London a better place for disabled people:



1. **Understand the issues** that disabled people face.



2. Make it easy for disabled people to **travel** around.



3. Provide **homes** for disabled people.



4. Help disabled people to **work and study**.



5. Help disabled people to have enough **money** to live.



6. Improve the relationship between disabled people and the **police**.

Understanding issues



The Mayor must understand that disabled people deal with a lot of issues.



The Mayor must speak up about these issues and work to fix them.



The Mayor should work with disabled people to find out their needs.

The Mayor can do this by:



- Working with disabled people when making decisions.



- Thinking about disabled people when they and their team make important decisions.



- Asking organisations and services to think about disabled people when making decisions.



- Supporting rules about how organisations and services should include disabled people.



- Supporting and giving money to organisations that are led by disabled people.



The Mayor can also do this by setting up a new job role in their team called a **Disability Commissioner**.

The **Disability Commissioner** will be in charge of working with disabled people in London.

Travel



The Mayor must make sure that disabled people can travel around London in the way that they would like.



This includes walking, cycling and using public transport.



The Mayor can do this by putting ramps and lifts in at least half of London's tube and train stations.

The Mayor can also do this by:



- Having staff that can help disabled people at all of London's tube and train stations.



- Making sure disabled people can use the **facilities** at all of London's tube and train stations.

Facilities are equipment and services.

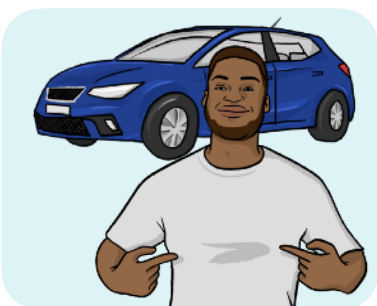


- Replacing all buses in London with **accessible** buses.

Accessible means easy to use for all disabled people.



- Giving transport staff training on how to include and treat disabled people.



- Supporting disabled people who must use a car to travel around.

The Mayor can also do this by:



- Thinking about disabled people who must use a car to travel around when making decisions about **road charges**.

Road charges are costs that some car drivers must pay to drive around.



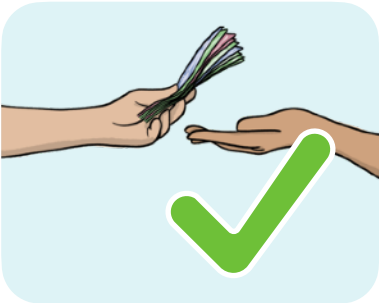
- Making sure transport ticket discounts still meet the needs of disabled people.

Housing

The Mayor must make sure that all disabled people have homes that:



- Meet their needs and are accessible.



- They can afford.



- Are safe.



The Mayor must also make sure that disabled people can choose where they would like to live.

The Mayor can do this by:



- Making sure that lots of the new homes being built are accessible for disabled people who use wheelchairs.



- Building more accessible homes that are cheap to rent.



- Working with local councils and housing organisations to make sure accessible homes are given to those who need them.



- Collecting information about disabled people's housing needs.



- Making sure accessible homes are safe and comfortable.

Work and study

The Mayor must make sure that:



- Disabled people have access to a job if they would like one.



- Places of work are accessible and include disabled people.



- Places of work pay disabled people the same amount of money as people who are not disabled.



- Disabled people can access all kinds of education.

The Mayor can do this by:



- Supporting and giving money to education courses and apprenticeships for disabled adults.



- Making sure British Sign Language is used in places of education.



- Making sure disabled young people can take part in activities that are for them.



- Supporting the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the City Hall to employ disabled people.



- Supporting businesses that are led by disabled people.

The Mayor can also do this by:



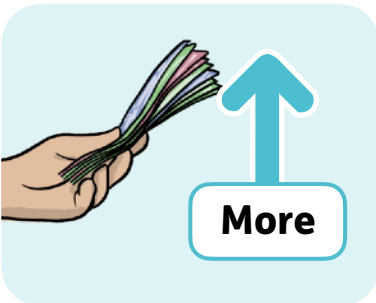
- Making sure that all job support organisations are working to help disabled people get jobs.



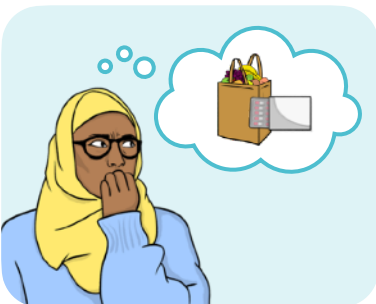
- Working on the **London Good Work Standard**.

The **London Good Work Standard** is a set of guidelines that help organisations to employ and include disabled people.

Money



The Mayor must understand that most disabled people have to pay more money to live than people who are not disabled.



They must help disabled people who are struggling to pay for the things they need to live.

The Mayor can do this by:



- Speaking up about disabled people's right to a good life that they can afford.



- Working with organisations that are led by disabled people to write a plan.

The plan will explain how disabled people can get advice and support on money issues.



- Working with local councils and healthcare services to find and support disabled people who are dealing with money issues.



- Collecting more information about how and why disabled people are dealing with money issues.



The Mayor can also do this by:

- Making sure all disabled people can access healthcare services.



- Continuing to give free school meals to all children at primary school, including disabled children.

Police

The Mayor must understand that:



- Disabled people are more likely to be **victims** of some crimes.

A **victim** is someone who is affected or harmed because of a crime.



- Disabled people are often victims of **hate crimes**.

A **hate crime** is when someone is harassed or attacked because they are different.



The Mayor must also understand that disabled people are often not treated well by the police.

The Mayor must make sure that:



- Disabled victims get the support they need.



- Disabled victims are treated well by the police.



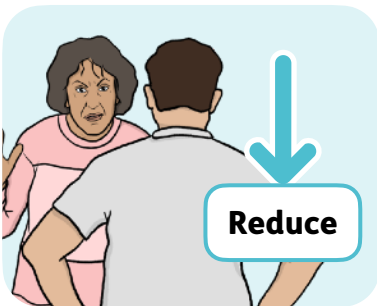
- Disabled people trust the police to protect and support them.

The Mayor can do this by:



- Writing a plan with organisations that are led by disabled people.

The plan will explain what the police in London can do to include and respect disabled people.



- Working to reduce the number of hate crimes.



- Making sure disabled victims get accessible support that meets their needs.



- Collecting information about violent crimes on disabled people.



- Making sure disabled people who have mental health issues are treated with respect by the police.

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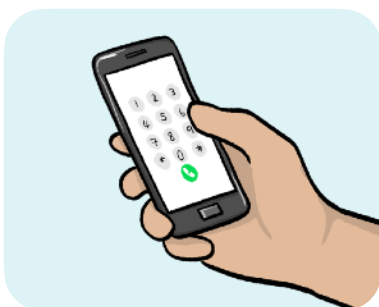


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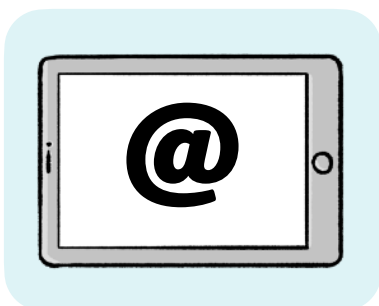


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