



Camden Council report to Cabinet - partnerships with Camden Disability Action and the Autism Hub



We believe in something called the **Social Model of Disability**

The **Social Model of Disability** is a way of thinking, created by disabled people



The model says people are not disabled by their bodies or minds - they are disabled by barriers in society

Barriers are things that make life harder for disabled people – these include things like

- steps instead of ramps
- no lifts





- narrow doorways

- no British Sign Language (BSL)



- no easy read information



- hard to use websites



- not listening to disabled people

- and thinking disabled people can't do things



What the model says

People may have differences such as

- being Deaf
- blind
- autistic
- using a wheelchair
- or having a learning disability



Society makes it hard for disabled people to do things others can do easily



We want to work with disabled and Autistic residents to remove barriers so people can live a full and equal life



What we want to do

We want to work better with **2** organisations

- **Camden Disability Action (CDA)**
- and **Autism Hub**



Disabled and autistic people lead these groups
– we want to give them money to help make
Camden better for everyone



Why this is important

Many disabled and autistic people face unfair
treatment - this is called **ableism**

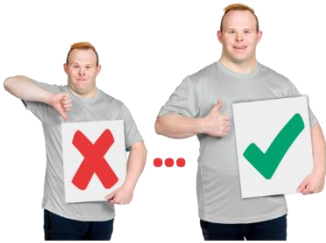
Ableism means people are treated badly or left
out because of their difference





We want to

- make Camden friendly and accessible for everyone
- listen to disabled and autistic people
- work together to make things better



What we want to do

We plan to

- give **£268,660** each year to **Autism Hub**
- give **£180,000** each year to **Camden Disability Action**
- and support both groups for **7** years - until **2032**

autism
hub ...

CDA Camden
Disability
Action



What these organisations do

Camden Disability Action



- help disabled people speak up and lead change

- offer advice and support



- run the Centre for Independent Living (CIL) at Greenwood



- train people to become leaders

- help people get benefits and support



Autism Hub

- is run by and for, autistic people without a learning disability

- offer drop-in sessions, support, and counselling



- help autistic people feel included



- share information about autism-friendly events



Why we need to do this

Many disabled people in Camden face problems like

- poor health
- unemployment
- not enough accessible transport or toilets
- and feel left out or ignored



Autistic people often

- find it hard to get good healthcare
- find it hard to get jobs
- and feel lonely

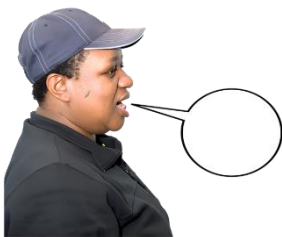




What happens next

If the Cabinet agrees

- both groups will get funding from **October 2025**
- they will carry on with their work and start new projects
- they will help the Council make better decisions
- they will help train Council staff to understand disability and autism better



What people say

People who use these services say

- I feel more confident now
- I feel accepted and part of a team
- Autism Hub has helped me feel less alone





Things the Cabinet need to decide



- agree to give the money to CDA and Autism Hub
- let Council staff manage the funding and the arrangements in Greenwood
- work closely with both groups to make Camden better for everyone

