








## The Mission Statement

<p>The National Forum works towards total inclusion and human rights for people with learning disabilities living in England. This means:</p>	
	<p>The right to choose where we live and who we live with.</p>
	<p>The right to gain employment and have equal pay. Our benefits should not stop us from getting jobs.</p>
 <p>Bank</p>	<p>Using the same services as everybody else.</p>
	<p>The right to make friends and see them when we want to.</p>
	<p>The right to have a sexual relationship, get married, have children and bring them up.</p>

	<p>Having the support to be independent and confident, to speak our minds and have control over our lives.</p>
	<p>Having independent advocacy support to make decisions for ourselves. Being able to choose which advocacy support we would like (for example a self advocacy group, peer advocacy, one to one advocacy etc).</p>
	<p>The right to have information that we can understand plus the support and time we need to make decisions.</p>
	<p>Any behaviour labeled as 'challenging' should not take away our human rights.</p>
	<p>Having the support we need for our feelings and our mental health.</p>

	<p>Having the same rights to vote, be involved in politics, contribute to our communities and be leaders.</p>
	<p>Having support to help us with our communication, for example interpreters and easy-read information.</p>
	<p>To continue training people about learning disability.</p>
	<p>The right to be safe in our local community and to have the right support to access it.</p>
	<p>The right to be respected by our local communities and the people who provide us with services (for example the police, health workers and housing services).</p>
	<p>To be safe from hate crime and discrimination.</p>