

# One more open letter to professionals from Darlington Learning Impairment Network



In our first letter to professionals we asked people to try not to use the letters **LD** when talking about disabled people. We think it's not very person centred.



Our challenge was how can disabled people trust professionals to make the big changes needed when they can't even change the words you use to describe people?



We think that some professionals have listened and have really tried not to use **LD** and understand why it's not good to use.

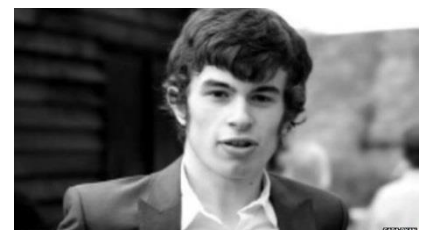


We have also noticed that some people are really thinking about the other words they use to describe people and trying to think differently.



However we know that some people still use **LD** on a daily basis without thinking.

We think that when people do things without thinking about them sometimes bad things happen.



Do you use **LD** to describe people?

If you do and you think it is wrong could you stop using it?

If you do and you think it is ok we would be happy to talk to you about why we think it is not a good word to use.



## DO THE LD CHALLENGE

We are asking people not to use **LD** to describe people and to challenge each other every time they hear it.



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