

Another open letter to Professionals from Darlington Learning Impairment Network



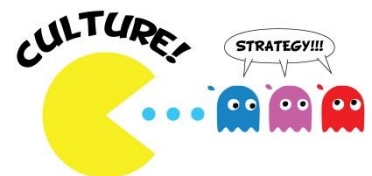
In our first letter to professionals we asked people to try not to use the letters **LD** when talking about disabled people. We think it's not very person centred.



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?



Our letters have really been about changing how things are done. This is sometimes called Culture.



We think changing how things are done can be really difficult.



We have tried to see if people could change how things are done by not using certain words.



We think people tried really hard and some people did change and others tried hard but often slipped back into using the words they had always used.



Some people agreed with what we had said and said sorry when they said things like LD, this showed us how hard it can be to change.



We would be really interested in hearing about any ideas you have about making change happen or examples when big change has happened.



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