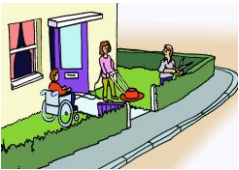


An easy guide to the GDA Manifesto



This manifesto was written by Glasgow Disability Alliance to tell people what we think needs to change so that disabled people are more included in society.



Disabled people are parents, children, tenants, students, brothers, sisters, partners and friends. We are your neighbours, your colleagues and maybe you, now or sometime in the future.



Many disabled people are poor. Many disabled people are treated badly. This is not good enough for disabled people. We are asking to be respected and to be treated just like everyone else. We want Independent Living. This means having choice and control over our lives. These are all human rights for everyone.



What we need is **Action** so we enjoy these human rights and they become a reality for disabled people. We need Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) to support us to make changes so that disabled people are treated more fairly.

What we want - our human rights

Human Rights are for everyone. Some cuts that are being made at the moment affect disabled people's human rights. We want MSPs to:



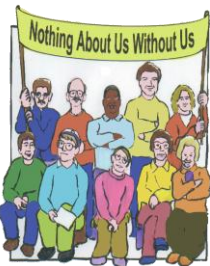
- Support the plan for an Equality and Human Rights Committee at the Scottish Parliament.
- Ask public organisations, like health, social work and education, to teach their staff about human rights.

What we want - to be part of society

Disabled people have a lot of skills and experience to give. We want MSPs to:



- Make it easier for disabled people to be involved on important committees.
- Make streets, workplaces, shops, pubs, transport and services accessible to us.
- Involve disabled people in the planning of policy and services. We know best what the barriers are and how to remove these barriers.
- Help organisations of disabled people to get more funding so they can support more disabled people.



What we want - Personal Assistance



Personal assistance is essential for independent living. We want MSPs to:

- Make it easier for us to get personal assistance. It should not matter where we live.
- Remove community care charges. These make it difficult for disabled people to choose where they want to live and to get paid jobs.
- Understand that Self Directed Support is only one part of independent living.
- Make community care assessments easier.



What we want - learning and education



We want MSPs to:

- Give disabled children and adults legal rights to access inclusive mainstream education.
- Make sure self directed support can be used for learning and education.
- Make sure money is available to pay for lifelong learning support for disabled learners.



What we want - Accessible information and communication



We want MSPs to make sure all Scottish Government consultations, events, websites, information and communications are always fully accessible. This should include communication support like sign language, note takers, lip speakers, subtitles and Easy Read.

What we want - Accessible housing, transport and healthcare



These are all very important and support our right to independent living. We want:

- More accessible houses for disabled people.
- Accessible information to disabled people about housing rights and help to apply for grants.
- More wheelchair spaces on public transport.
- More accessible toilets in public places.
- More disabled people allowed to travel free.
- Health services that are fully accessible to us.
- Housing, transport and health staff to get disability equality training.

