

How Might Governments React to the Atlas?



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About Me and My Role



- I am National Director for Learning Disabilities in England
- I share this role with Nicola Smith – a woman with a learning Disability
- We provide national leadership on the Valuing People Policy



Two Roles That Can Conflict



1. To represent the Government to the learning disabilities 'field' about what they are doing
2. To represent the learning disabilities 'field' back to Government about what they should do

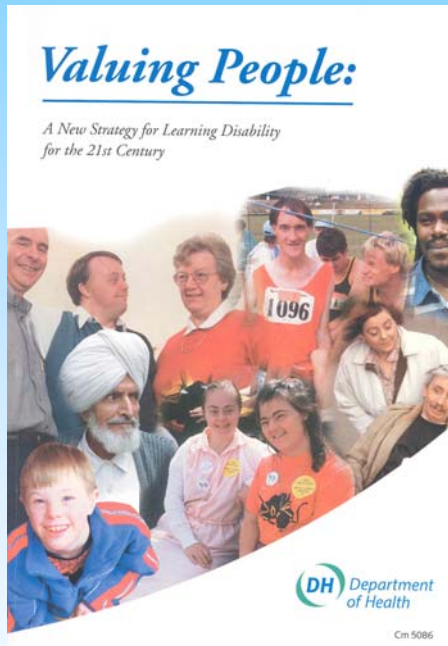
So I'm not really a typical Government person!



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Policy in England Is About.....



- Rights
- Choice and Control
- Being included in your local community



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Three Main Questions:



1. How to make sure government policy has an impact



2. The political priority for learning disability



3. The role of Government in changing lives



1. How To Make Policy Have An Impact

Most Government's believe that when they agree a policy:

- People hear about it
- People understand it
- People know how to make it happen
- People will try and make it happen

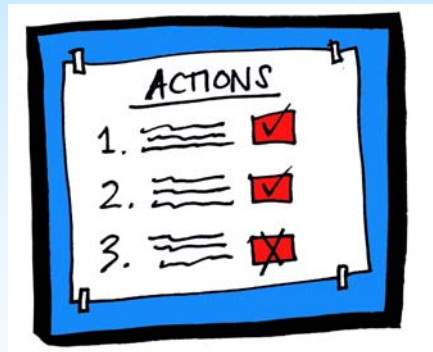
WRONG!



So This Means Important Questions Are:



- Where has Government policy had an impact and things have changed for the better?
- What made it have that impact?
- What can we learn about making change happen?
- Is learning transferable between nations?



2. The Political Priority of Learning Disability



- Which strategies helped give public priority to learning disabilities?
- Which strategies get best outcomes for public money?
- Is it feasible to increase international political priority for learning disability?



What Is The Role of Government?



- Different Governments will start from different political places

- Different societies have different cultures



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Public Services or Society?



Who is responsible for some of the things people tell us are important? For example:

- Being healthy
- Getting an education
- Having support when needed
- Being listened to
- Being safe on the streets
- Having paid work
- Good transport
- Relationships and sex



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Next Stage With The Atlas?



How can we build on it to help national champions learn from each other to help their work to improve people's lives?



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