The Social History of Learning Disability Conference 2023

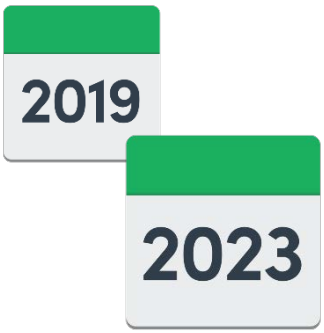
Community: Now and in the past

11th and 12th July 2023,

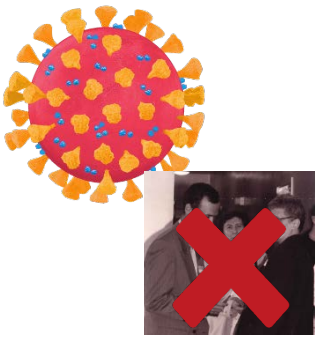
Open University, Milton Keynes

Tell us your ideas for papers, presentations, talks or workshops

Our 2023 conference is very special



It has been 4 years since our last conference.



Covid has stopped us meeting in person

We want to meet old friends

We want to make new friends

We want to talk about

Community:

Now and in the past

We hope you can come

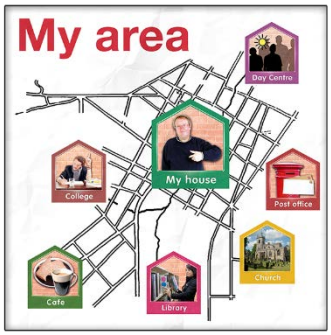
And give us a presentation

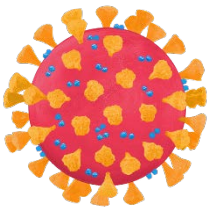
with best wishes from

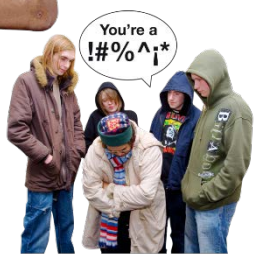
Ian Davies, Craig Hart and Liz Tilley

Conference co-chairs

What to talk about







Thinking about people with learning disabilities

- What does the word ‘community’ mean?
- Were there other words for ‘community’ in the past?
- How do I experience community?
- What does it mean to be part of my community?
- Have ideas about community changed over time?
- What part did on-line communities play in my life during COVID?
- Have my on-line communities survived?
- How welcoming are communities?
- What ways of making relationships work or fail?
- Did big hospitals feel like a community? If yes, what replaced this after they closed?
- How can services/ self-advocacy/ arts based groups/ parent groups help me to feel part of a community?

- What was ‘community care’? Has it survived?
- What part do communities for people with learning disabilities play?
- What is the link between community and my identity, my background and what matters to me?

Welcome

We want you to come and talk if you are

- A person with learning disabilities

- A parent or carer

- A support worker
- A health / social care professional
- A service provider

- An academic researcher
- A research student

- An advocacy organisation
- An advocate

We want to meet old friends again

And make new friends

A conference where everyone feels they are welcome

We have lots of fun!

What to do next

Write down your idea and give it a title

Tell us about what you will say on 1 page.

Send it to Gabriela Costa

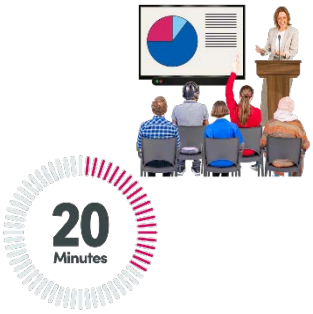
at

Shld-conference@open.ac.uk

by 1st March 2023

Useful information

Your talk must be accessible.



Talks are usually 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.

Coming to the conference costs money.

We have some money to help people to come

We will ask you if you want help when you book your place.

If you give a talk, we will offer you a free place if you need it.

If you give a talk, we can help with travel costs.

Everyone will pay for their own accommodation.

We look forward to seeing you in July!