

# Our Campaign Plan for January 2023- June 2024



Over the next 18 months, Difference will campaign on these issues:



## **Campaign 1: Accessible Cities.**

Our towns and cities are still too difficult for many disabled people. The planners do not think about the different needs of disabled people.



Difference will

- Keep reminding local planners about our needs and our rights.



- Tell planners about the need for accessible public toilets, transport, buildings and information.



## Campaign 2: Health and Wellbeing.

Disabled people have worse health than other people. This is worse in the North East than in other regions.



Difference will:

- Ask health and care providers to provide accessible information.



- Keep supporting self-advocates with their campaigning about the treatment of people with learning disabilities and Autistic people in health and care.



- Work as part of a new Integrated Care System to ask for better services for disabled people.

## Campaign 3: Employment

Disabled people still find it much harder to get a job or stay in a job. Through our work we understand some of the main problems that make it harder for disabled people to get work.



Difference will



- Set up a group to work on actions that came from our Disability at Work Summit.

- Set up a web page to help employers find useful advice on how to employ disabled people.



- Start a campaign to promote more employment of disabled people in our region.



## Campaign 4: Climate Action and Climate Justice



Climate change affects disabled people the most, but often we do not get a say in how to deal with it. We have set up a campaign group called Disable Climate Action Forum (DCAF)

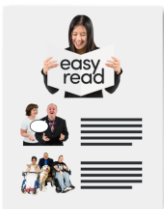
DCAF will campaign for:



- Getting more disabled people involved in climate action decision making.



- Understanding what stops disabled people from getting involved in climate action.



- Making climate information accessible.

## Campaign 5: Disability Poverty



Disabled people live in greater poverty because of changes to benefits, the COVID-19 pandemic and their higher cost of living.



Difference will

- Work on national campaigns to reduce poverty for disabled people.



- Work locally to make sure disabled people get the support and advice to help them manage.