



## Co-Producing Accessible Legal Information Research Project Easy Read Participant Information

### Invitation



We are creating a co-production group to help make law more accessible.

Co-production means working together to make something new.

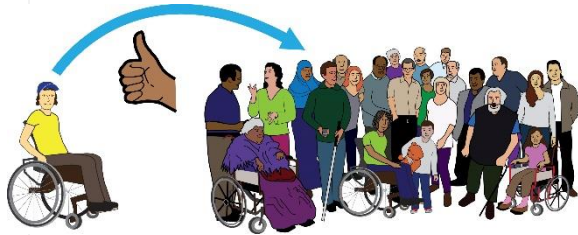
This co-production group involves:

- People with learning disabilities
- Lawyers
- Researchers

We will work together to make some accessible legal information.



We want to do this because it can be hard for disabled people to get accessible information about the law.



This booklet will give you lots of information about taking part in the co-production group. Please read it before you decide if you want to take part.

## Why Have I Been Invited?



You have been invited because you have a learning disability or other impairment and have asked for more information about taking part.

## Do I have to take part?



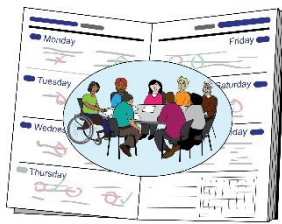
No. It is up to you if you want to take part or not.

## If I take part, what do I have to do?



You will take part in **three** zoom meetings and **three** in-person co-production workshops.

## Zoom Meetings



Zoom meetings will include just the disabled people who are taking part in the research.

Zoom meetings will last for 2 hours. There will be a break.

Zoom meetings will help the researchers plan the in-person workshops.

Zoom meetings will take place in June 2023, August 2023 and November 2023.

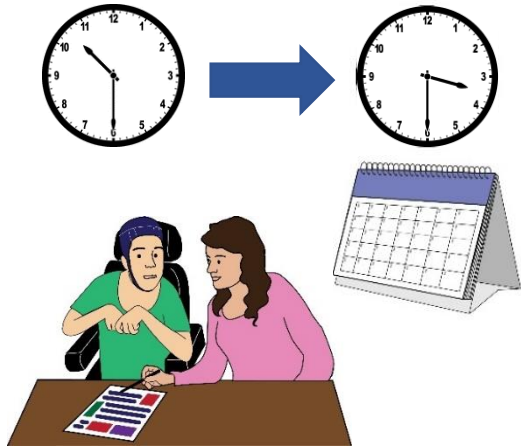
## In-Person Co-Production Workshops



In-person workshops will include disabled people and lawyers.

They will take place in London.

The venue will be accessible.



They will start at 10:30am and end at 3:30pm.

They will take place in July 2023, September 2023 and December 2023.

You can bring a carer or supporter with you if you want to.

We will pay for travel expenses for you and your carer/supporter.

We will give you lunch and refreshments.

We will give you £25 for each in-person workshop you come to, up to a maximum of £75.



## What will happen at the workshops?



At the workshops, the researchers, lawyers and disabled people will work together to:

- Choose the most important legal topics for accessible information.
- Make accessible legal information for disabled people.
- Make a guide for other people who want to do co-production.

## Can I take part if I can't come to all of the meetings and workshops?



Yes you can. We would like you to come to all of the meetings and workshops, but it is OK to miss some of them.



## What are the benefits of taking part?



If you take part, you will:

- Learn more about law.
- Help lawyers understand how to communicate better with disabled people.
- Help the researchers to explain why accessible legal information is important.

## What are the risks of taking part?



Sometimes, talking about things that are difficult can make people sad or angry. If you feel bad, you can stop at any time.

We will try our best to make sure that you have support to help you feel better.



If you tell us about something that makes us think that you or somebody else might be in serious danger, we will need to tell someone about it.

If this happens, we will talk to you first.

## What if I change my mind about taking part?



If you decide you do not want to take part during a zoom meeting or workshop you can leave.



If you decide after taking part that you no longer want to be part of the project, please contact the researchers and tell them.



They will remove things you said from the project.



You can do this until 1 month after the date of the zoom meeting or workshop you came to.



Nothing will happen to you if you change your mind about taking part. It is OK to change your mind.

## How will information about me be used?



Zoom meetings will be recorded using the zoom recording button.



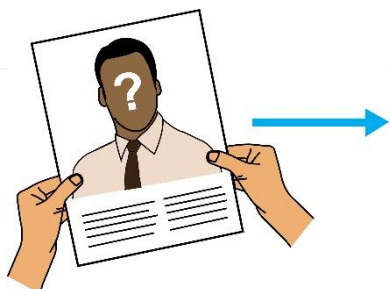
Co-production workshops will be recorded with a digital audio recorder and a video camera.



This is so the researchers can be fully involved in the meetings and workshops and remember what was said.



After the meetings and workshops, we will write down what was said to help us use it in our research.

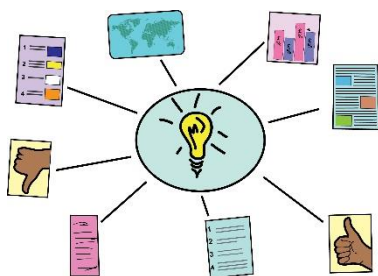


When we do this we will make sure that nobody can tell that you took part.





We will write about what you have told us for other academics, lawyers, the government, policy makers and disabled people.



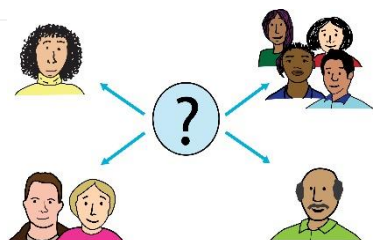
The findings from the research will be published on the internet, in books, and through conference presentations and talks.



At the end of the project, we will send you a report about what we found out.

We will also publish the report on our website.

## Who will have access to information about me?



Only people who are part of the co-production group will know you took part.



Everyone who takes part will be asked to keep information about other



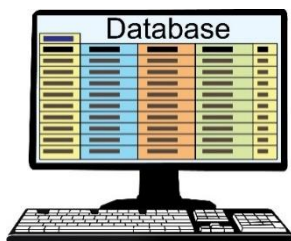
people in the group private.

We will not use your real name when we write about the project or tell people about it.

Only members of the research team will be able to watch and listen to the recordings.

## How will information from the project be stored?

10 years



We would like to store the recordings and the written version of what was said for 10 years.

We will store it safely on a computer at the University of Birmingham. Only the researchers will be able to access it.

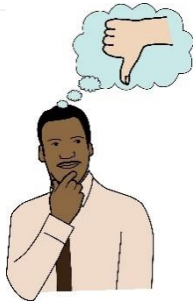
Paper copies of the written version will be locked away, and then destroyed securely at the end of the project.

## Who is funding and organising the research?



This research is organised and funded by the University of Birmingham.

## What if there is a problem?



If you are unhappy about the research, or have questions, then you should speak to the researchers.



Their contact information is at the end of this booklet. They will try to sort things out.



If they cannot help, and you want to complain, you can get in touch with the University of Birmingham Research Office.

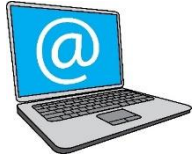
### Here is their address:



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## Contact for further information



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