

Our second big meeting – Learning Disability and Autism Community of Practice

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When and who

- We met for the second time on 3 June 2026.
- 43 people came – the same number as last time.
- We had people from health, social care, councils, schools, charities, and Autistic people, people with a learning disability, and family members.



What we talked about

- We talked in small groups about the basics of how we should talk and listen.
- We agreed how we want to be together.
- We shared what we are doing in our own work.



What people said matters

- Lived experience must lead this work.
- More people from Black and Asian communities need to be in the room.
- We do not want another talking shop. We want real change.



A good moment

- One person asked if anyone knew a lived experience group.
- Another person said yes, they had one.
- We joined them up. This is what a Community of Practice is for.



What we are listening to

- Two lived experts stayed after to give us feedback.
- We will make meetings longer — 2 hours instead of 1.5.
- We will use smaller groups with a chair to help everyone speak.



What happens next

- We will meet again for Session 3.
- After that, we will meet every two months.
- Between meetings, lived experts will plan with us.
- We will start mapping services in Kent and Medway.