



"I would like to be heard, and to understand why things are the way they are. And then change them so that we disabled people can actually join in."



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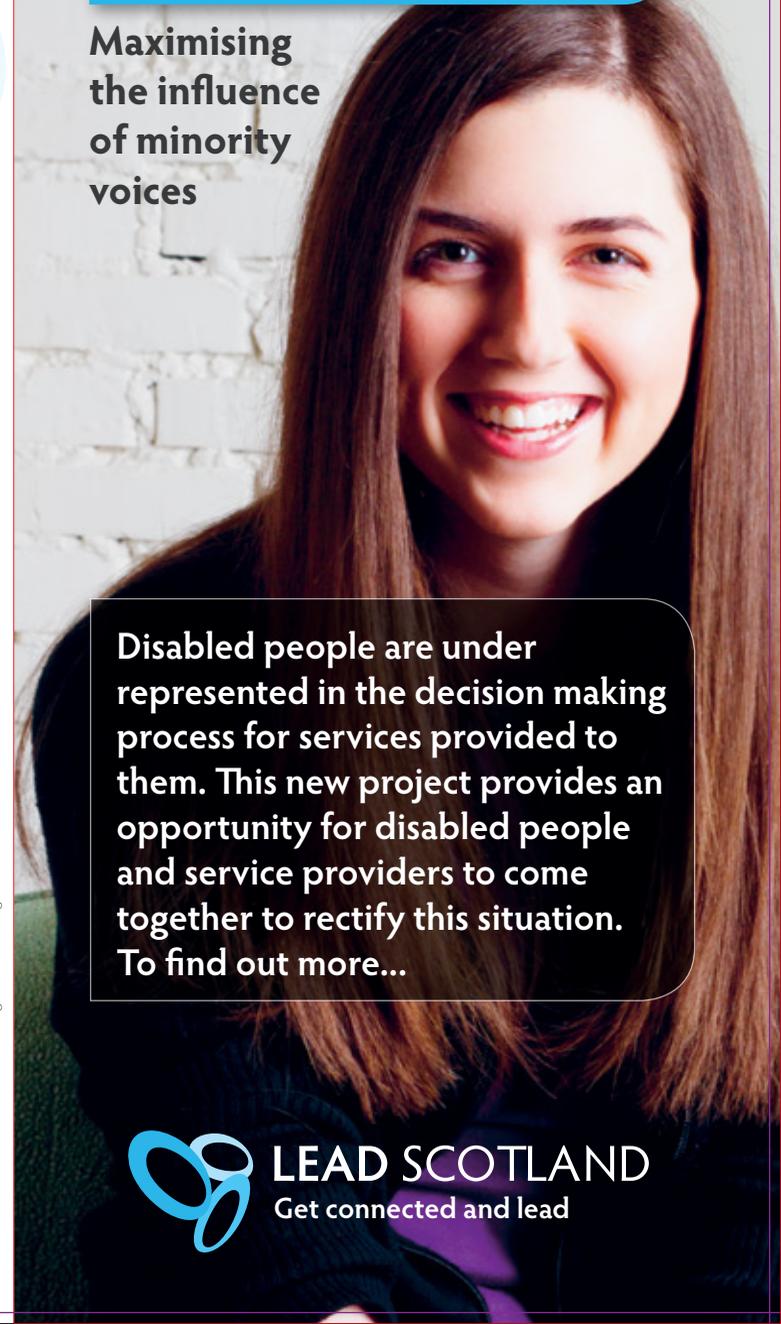
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**You can make a difference!**

**Maximising the influence of minority voices**



Disabled people are under represented in the decision making process for services provided to them. This new project provides an opportunity for disabled people and service providers to come together to rectify this situation. To find out more...



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## You can make a difference as...

### ▶ A Community Leader

Are you a disabled person who feels that you would like to have more of a say in the decisions that are made for you and about you? Would you like to feel confident enough to put your opinions across to the people who provide the services you use?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions then this is the programme for you. We will support you to achieve an SQA Award in Community Action and Leadership. We will help you to build your confidence as well as giving you the opportunity to meet and discuss issues that are important to you with the service providers. You won't be on your own, you'll be in a group of like minded people but if you need to work from home, we can do that too!



### ▶ A Service Provider

Do you provide a service to disabled people? Do you feel you could provide a better service if you had the opportunity to discuss the good and the bad points with the people involved? Would you like to be involved with other service providers in your field?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions we can help. Our project gives you the opportunity to interact with the disabled users of your service. You will also have the opportunity to be involved in the development and testing of a new partnership framework and a new quality framework and tool and an evaluation tool. We will be holding local workshops in your area and look forward to meeting you.



### ▶ A Volunteer

Do you have time you could devote to help a disabled person gain more confidence and self esteem? Would you like to be part of a team of volunteers with a nationally recognised organisation? Would you like to take part in some training opportunities yourself?

If the answer is yes to all of these questions we would love to have you join us! We are looking for volunteers to support disabled people and their carers through our new learning programme and beyond. We aim to build the confidence and self esteem of disabled people in order to be able to interact with the service providers to make strategic changes in the services provided.

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