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Our voices ■ Our choices



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- A £5 million programme
- Funded by National Lottery Community Fund
- Coproduced research with disabled people, DPOs, charities and academics
- Emphasis on impact on policy and practice
  - 31 funded projects
  - Commissioned research
  - 4 Nations Research: attitudes towards disabled people



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# Our team

- Programme Team and Board
- National Advisory Groups (NAGs)
- Central Research Committee (CRC)
- Ethics Committee



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# Grant applications

- Two calls for applications
- Over 300 applications made in 2016-17
- Grants assessed by disabled people, academics and charities
- 32 projects funded



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## Working with Peer Researchers: Developing Future Strategies

Exploring the  
challenges of  
coproduction with peer  
researchers.

Led by Disability Wales





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Legally Disabled  
[www.legallydisabled.com](http://www.legallydisabled.com)

Exploring the career experiences of disabled people in the legal profession in England & Wales.

Led by Cardiff University





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## Young People and Friendship: What matters to us?

Exploring friendship as  
experienced by young  
people with learning  
difficulties.

By CARP Collaborations  
and Building Bridges





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# Mutual benefits: The Potential of disabled people as foster carers


Giving disabled people  
equal opportunity to  
become foster carers.

By University of Worcester  
and Shaping Our Lives


**The upside**  
Fostering

**'Being a foster carer is the best thing  
that I've done with my life'**

Disabled people say they are rarely used as foster carers, despite a nationwide shortage - even though they are often well placed to fill the gaps



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▲ **Foster carer** Jon Powton, who has muscular dystrophy. There's still a stigma attached to disabled carers (Photograph: Christopher Thompson/The Guardian)

Jon Powton might not fit the image of a typical foster carer. The 44-year-old is a former engineer and has a mild form of muscular dystrophy. But for the last eight years, he and his wife Denise, 60, have provided a loving home for children who need it in Burnley.

It wasn't an easy start. When Powton first looked into fostering in 2011, his





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**Thank you for listening!**

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