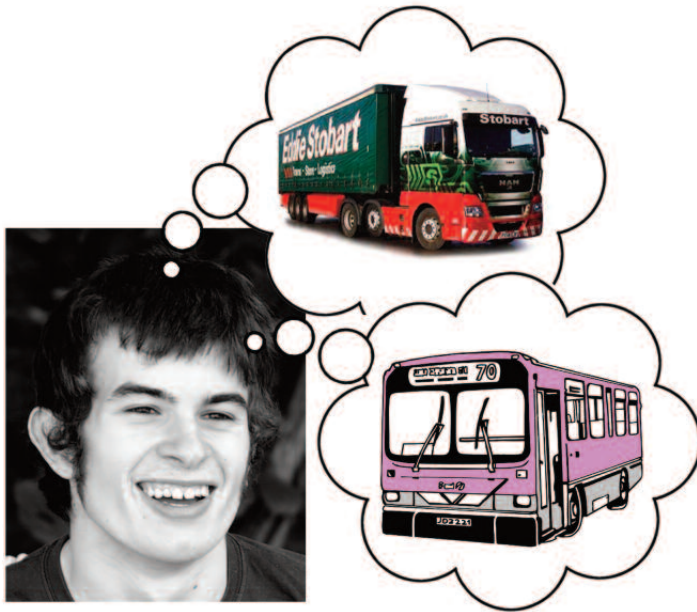




Laughing Boy

Easy words and pictures

Bill



Connor Sparrowhawk was 18.
He liked buses and Eddie
Stobart lorries.



Connor had a learning
disability and epilepsy.

Connor's mum called him LB
for Laughing Boy because he
was so happy.



Connor became very sad.



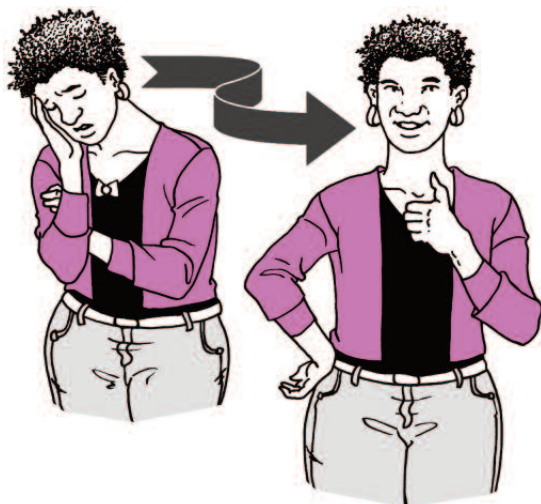
Connor went to stay in a hospital to help him be happy again.



The hospital was called an Assessment Treatment Unit - ATU.



Assessment means taking time to decide what is important.



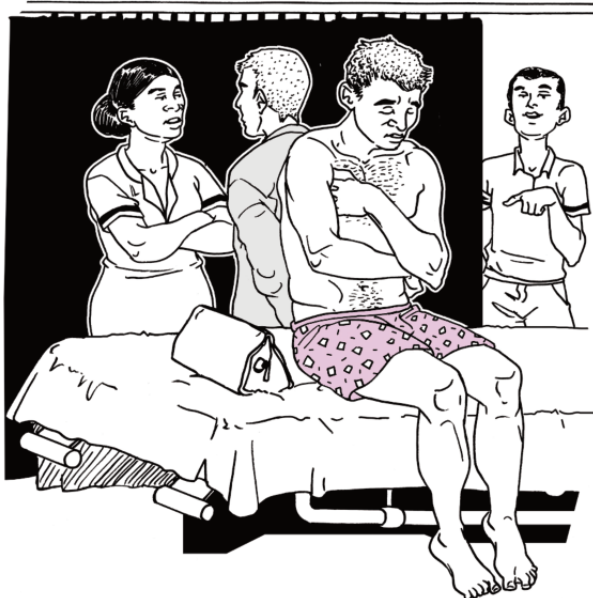
Treatment is help from doctors and nurses to feel better when you are poorly.



ATU is a special type of hospital for people with learning disabilities.



Connor and his family needed help to be happy again.



They thought the ATU would help him but Connor did not get the help he needed in hospital.



Connor liked to have baths.
They made him happy.



Bathtime can be dangerous
for people with epilepsy.

If you have a fit when you
are in the bath you can
drown.

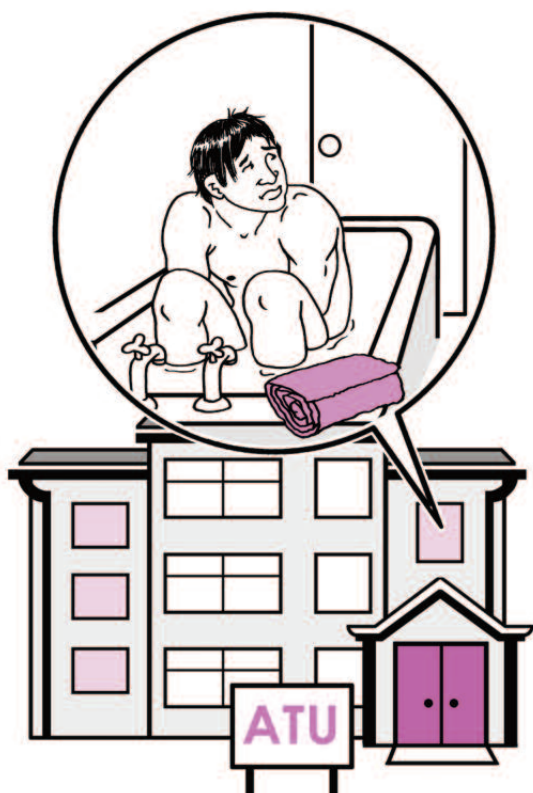


Having someone sit with you
when you have a bath keeps
you safe.

Things like a curtain / screen
can be used so you can be
safe in the bath and be
private.

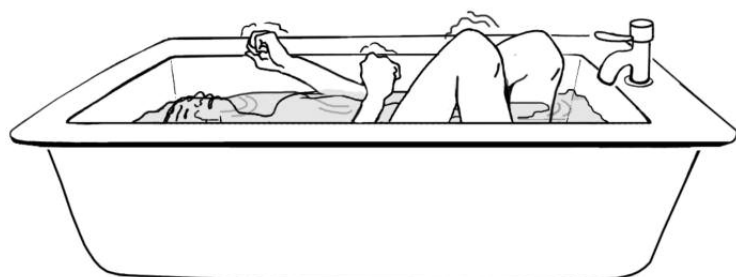


At home Connor's family made sure he was safe in the bath.



When Connor had a bath in hospital nobody stayed with him.

The staff did not check on Connor often enough.

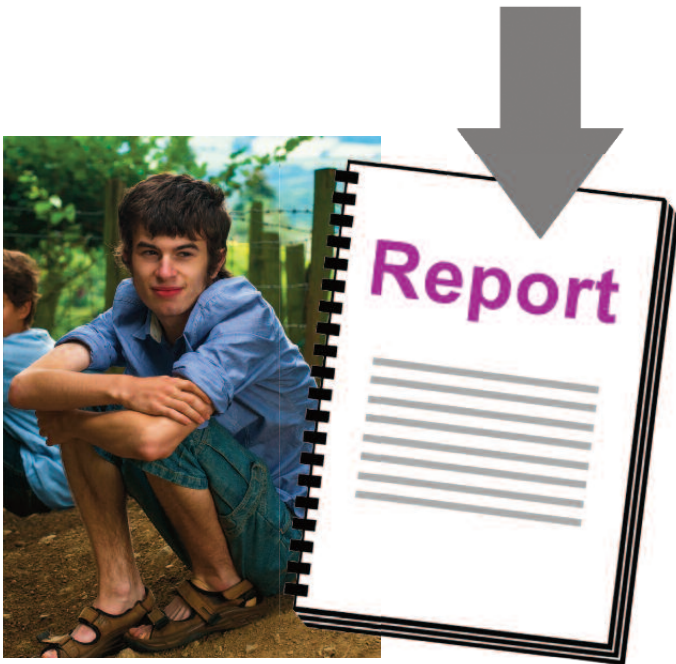


Connor had a fit or seizure when he was in the hospital bath.

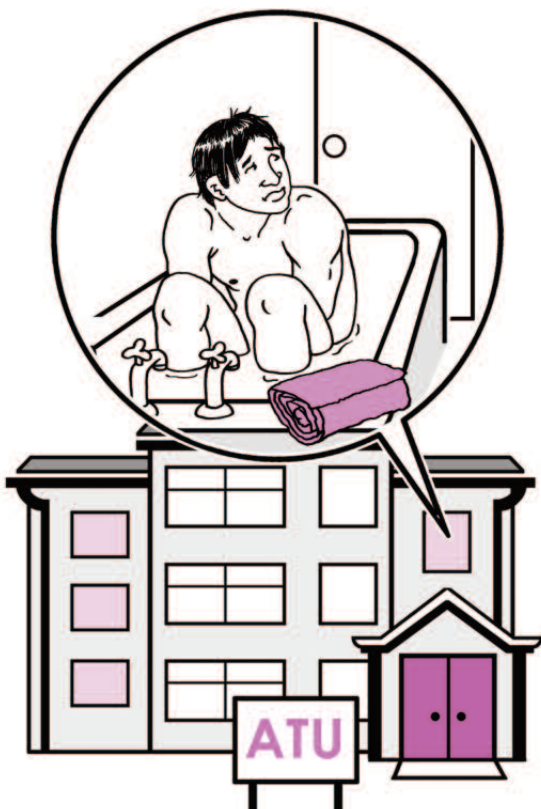
Connor drowned.



After Connor died 2 people tried to find out what happened.



They wrote a report.



The report said the hospital had to look after Connor properly.



The report said Connor's death was preventable which means they could have done somethings to stop it.

If the hospital had looked after Connor properly he would not have died.

Connor's family were very sad and very angry.

They told other people what had happened to Connor.

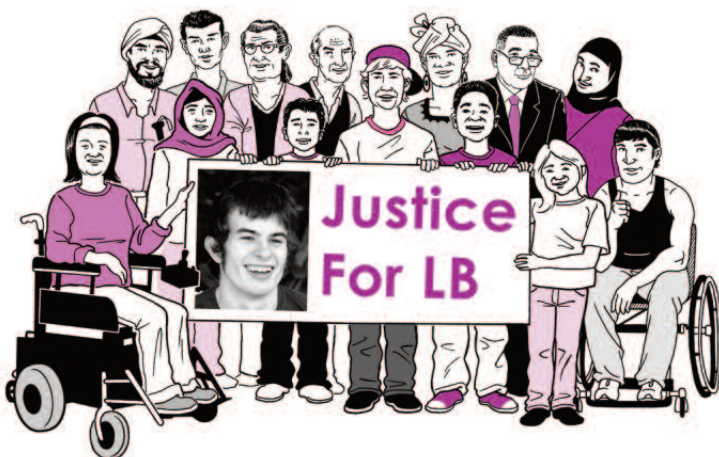


Lots of people were sad and angry.

Disabled people, parents, social workers and lawyers all talked to each other about what happened to Connor.



They formed a group called Justice For LB (Laughing Boy).

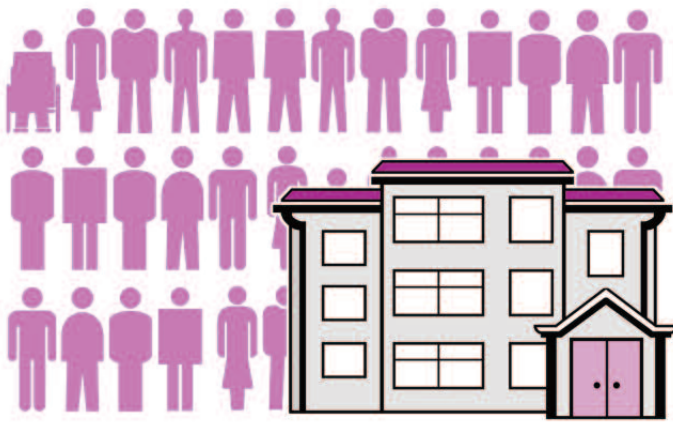


Anyone can join Justice For LB. It does not cost money.





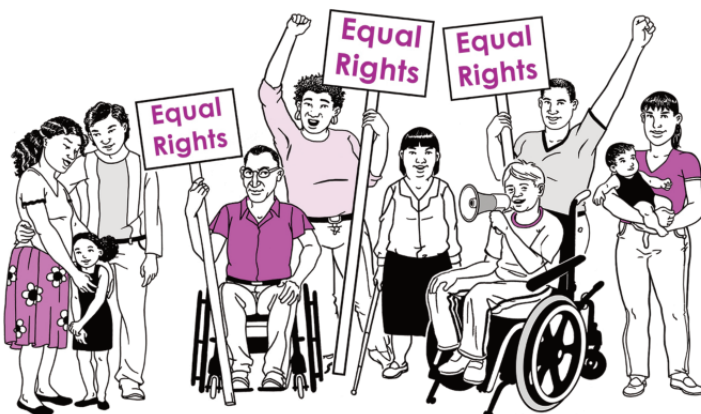
Everybody's ideas are important.



There are lots of people with learning disabilities who have to live in places away from their homes.



The people who were upset about Connor are worried about other disabled people living far away from home.



They want to find a way to make life better for people with disabilities.



They want to know what is most important to disabled people.

Can you tell us what is most important to you?



We think these are things like:

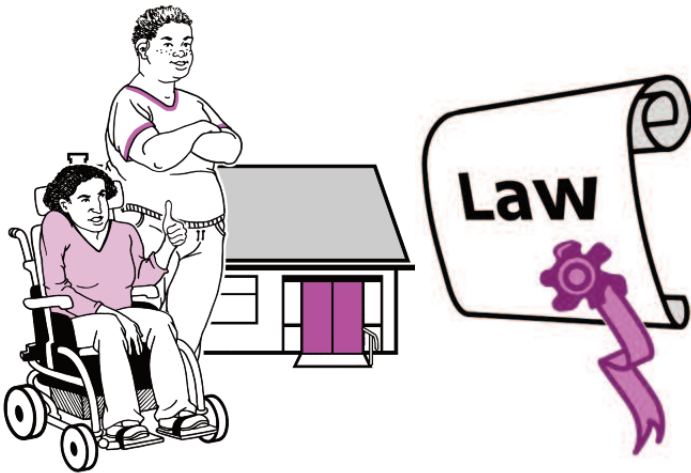
- living where you choose
- seeing your friends
- having a job
- getting married
- going on public transport



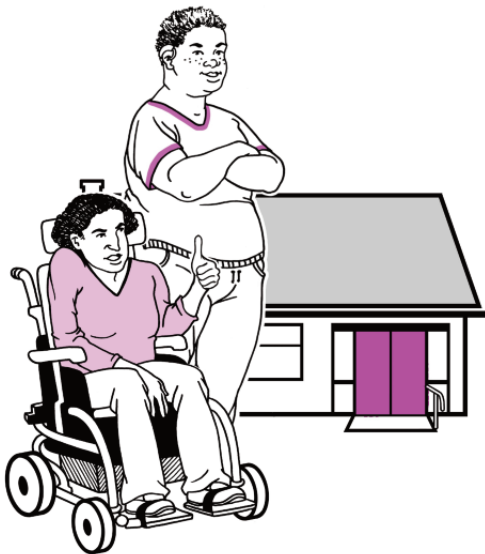
We want to know what you think those things are?



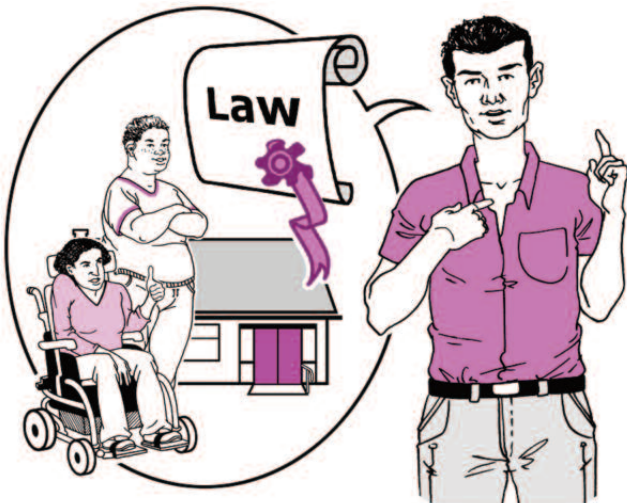
What support do you need to do those things?



Justice For LB want to make it law that disabled people can live at home.



Home means where a disabled person wants to live.
Home means living with the people you want to live with.



A dad called Mark said that it should be law that everyone can live at home.



If a social worker or doctor thinks someone can't live at home.

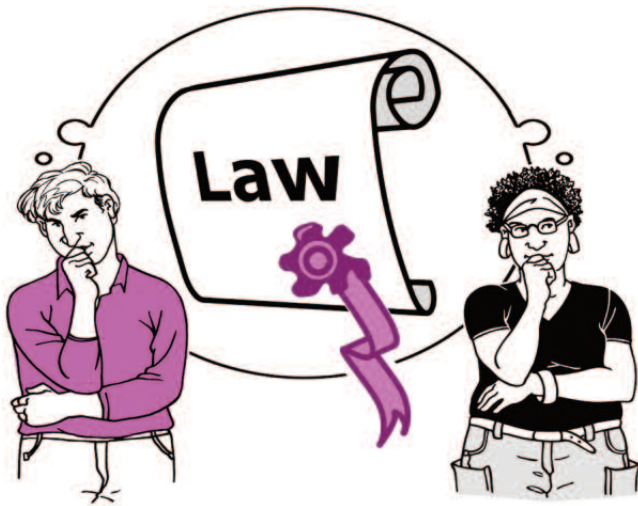


They should have to go to court to say why they think that.



A judge would decide what happens next.

A judge is a person who thinks about the law.



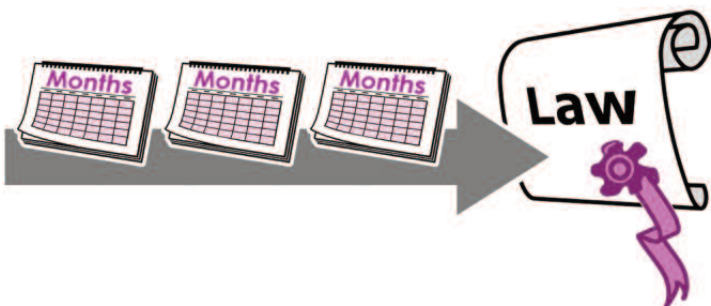
Justice For LB want to think about what the law should say.



They need to know what you think.



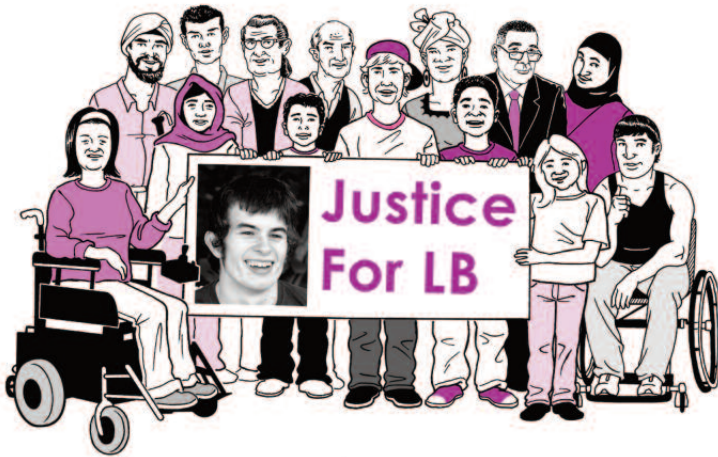
They can write the ideas down and suggest a new law.



It takes a long time for ideas to become laws.



There are lots of things we will need to do.



Everybody can get involved.



Justice For LB don't have any money. We will all have to work together to make things better for disabled people.



Imagine you run the government. What would you do about this problem?



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