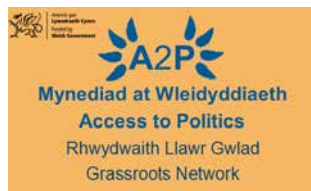


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About the Access to Politics Project



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About this project



My name is Kat Watkins. I work on the **Access to Politics Project** at **Disability Wales**.



Politics is about how people work towards getting what they think is right. And deciding the laws and rules for how to run a country, town, or community.



Deaf and disabled people have not always been part of politics. Our project wants to change this.



This project will carry on the work of the **Access to Elected Office Fund Wales**. This work helped more Deaf and disabled people join politics before:

- the 2021 **Senedd** elections and
- the 2022 **Local Government** elections.

Our goals



Our project wants to:



- Help more Deaf and disabled people get interested in politics.



- Help more Deaf and disabled people stand for election.



- Help people join in with politics in Wales.

How the project will work



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

The **Welsh Government** is giving money to help this project. The project will help Deaf and disabled people in different ways, like:

1. Cross-Party Disabled Person Politics Network

This will:



- Give Deaf and disabled people support from others like them.



- Help people learn about politics and how to become a candidate.



- Give training and advice.

2. Access to Politics Charter for Wales



This will:

- Be written with Deaf and disabled people.



- Show political parties the best ways to include Deaf and disabled people.



- Ask all political parties in Wales to follow the Charter.

3. Best Practice Toolkits

These will give helpful information, like:



- How to get involved in politics.



- How to stand for election.

4. Speaking up for Deaf and disabled People

This will:



- Make sure Deaf and disabled people can take part in politics.



- Follow **Article 29** of the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People**. This rule says disabled people should be able to take part in all parts of life, like politics, work, and school.

Find out more



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