



Office for  
Disability Issues

# Regional Stakeholder Network

## Chair job description



# Background



The Office for Disability Issues (ODI) is setting up Regional Stakeholder Networks of disabled people.



The Network will talk about some of the work of the Government.

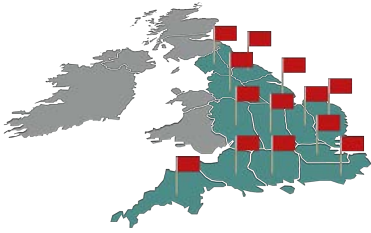


The Network will tell the Government how the work could be better for disabled people.



This will mean that the Government thinks about disability in their work.

## 9 Networks



There will be nine Networks.

There will be a Network in each of the English regions.



Each Network will have a **Chair**.

A **Chair** is a person who is in charge of a meeting.

They make sure that everything is in order.



The chair will talk to the ODI about the ideas that the members have.



There will be between 10 and 40 people in each Network.

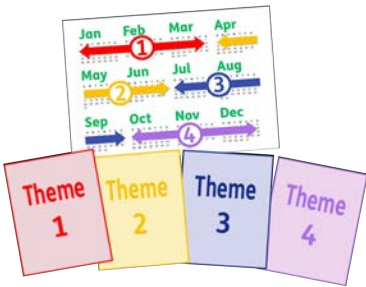


We want people with different disabilities on the Network.

## Themes

The Networks will each have a theme to talk about.

The theme will change every three months.



## Meetings

ODI will have one meeting each year with the Networks in each region.



For the rest of the year, the Government will ask members questions by email or other accessible ways.



# What we are looking for



We are looking for people to be chair of a Regional Network who:

- Have an understanding of disability issues
- Have links with other local disability organisations
- Are able to make links to other disability organisations
- Can represent disabled people for the whole region
- Can talk with the other organisations and then talk with the Network about what they say





You must be fair.



You must make sure all members have a chance to speak at Network meetings.



You have to be able to talk to different people with different ideas and views.



You must talk about other people's views even if you don't agree with them.



You must be able to be part of a team and work together.





You will tell the views of the Network to the ODI.



You will tell the ODI where the Network agrees.

You will tell the ODI where the Network doesn't agree.



You will carry on talking to the Network for the rest of the year.

You will also go to a **Ministerial Advisory Group** every three months.



The **Ministerial Advisory Group** brings Network chairs and members of the Government together to talk about their work and ideas.

You will talk about the ideas from your local Network meeting with the **Ministerial Advisory Group**.



Chairs will not be paid but the Government will pay for travel expenses to Network meetings.