

# People around me and why they are important to me

By Ellen Goodey





Young people with a learning disability feature in TV advert



Ellen in Theatre, Film,  
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# Where I live



# About Mencap and my job









# Me as Maid of Honour







Ellen and Jade



My work  
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Me and my boyfriend  
Alan



# Valentines Day Video

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A study conducted by Mencap earlier this year found that one in three young people with a learning disability spent less than an hour outside their home on a typical Saturday.


Respondents to the survey listed fears including bullying, being laughed at and getting lost as being key concerns when leaving the house. As a result, it can be difficult for people with learning disabilities to build relationships with others.

To celebrate Learning Disability Week, here are some ways that people have found love and friendship through charity programmes.



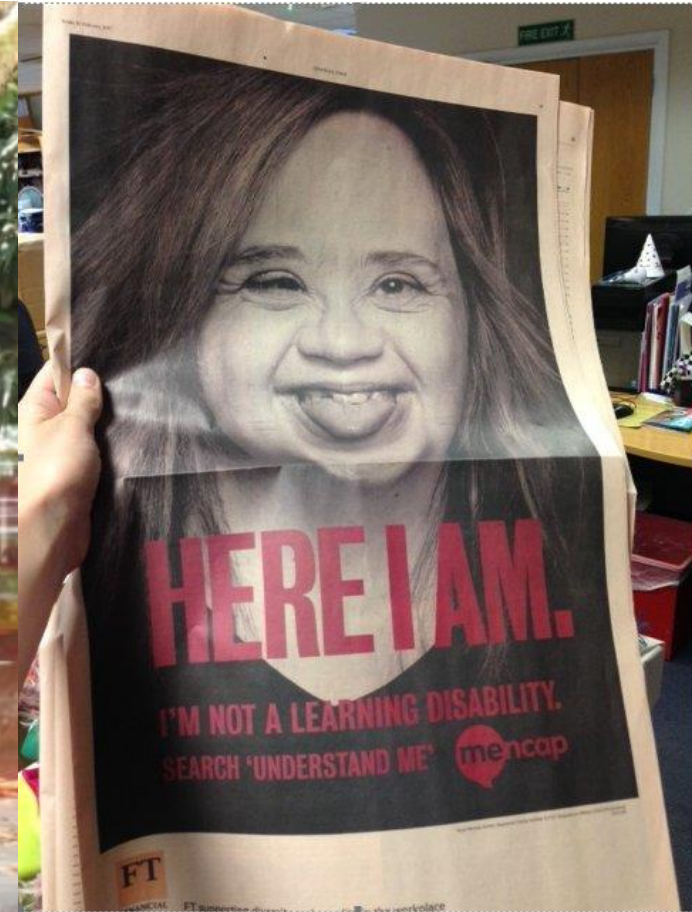
Ellen, right, has been friends with Sterne, who communicates primarily through a form of sign language called Signalong, for 10 years. She says: 'I loved Sterne from the beginning. I knew straight away that she couldn't really talk. I did a lot of sign language when I was younger just for fun, but now I sign all the time. I know quite a few signs before, but I learned a lot more through Sterne.'

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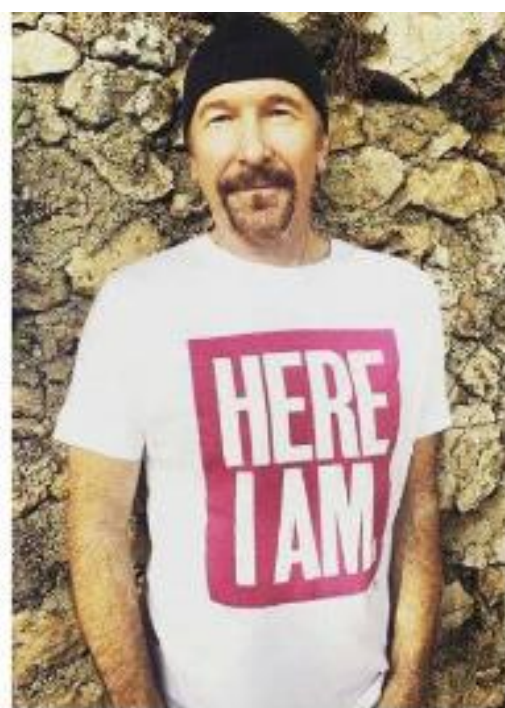




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# What needs to change?

- More openness
- More support



Thank you for listening.  
Any questions?

