

P-06-1158 The Welsh Government to put in place a dedicated disability Minister within the next term of Government

This petition was submitted by Alex Chung, having collected a total of 315 signatures.

Text of Petition:

With one in five people here in Wales living with a disability according to ONS. It has never been more important for Wales to become a truly inclusive nation for all its citizens. We want Wales to become the first devolved nation to have its own dedicated disability Minister. With a dedicated minister focusing on disability can we make bigger strides towards, a fairer employment system, more opportunities for disabled students and greater support for mental health.

Additional Information:

Examples of statistics of disability in Wales.

(1) Over one in five people of working age in Wales have a disability.

(2) 21 per cent of rail stations in Wales do not have step-free access, and at the current rate stations will not be accessible till 2070.

(3) 1 in 4 people have a mental health problem.

(4) 330,000 unemployed disabled people last year. Last year 81.8% Non-disabled people were employed compared to 53.2% of disabled people at the same time from ONS (U.K)

These are just a few examples of why having a dedicated disability minister within the Welsh Government can sort these matters surrounding disability within Wales.

(1) <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Equality-and-Diversity/Disability/summaryofeconomicactivityinwales-by-yeardisabledstatus-fromapril2013>

(2) Leonard Cheshire. Trains for All Campaign, 2019

(3) ONS, Psychiatric Morbidity, 2007

(4) <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/disability/bulletins/disabilityandemploymentuk/2019>

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