



‘ I Can Make It ’

We at Disability Rights UK would like to invite you to join us on “I can make it”, a new campaign that aims to create new job opportunities for you and people around you.

Why do we need the campaign?

I Can Make it was created because of the need to increase employment opportunities for young disabled people. If you’re disabled and aged 18-24 then you’re more than twice as likely to be not in education, employment or training, something which is unacceptable.

What’s it all about?

We aim to influence existing spending in local government and some large businesses. The campaign will be led by young disabled people with our support (i.e. you!) if you’re aged 18 - 29 in Birmingham, Bristol, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield and Southampton. Other cities will be considered.

You will be involved in persuading key decision makers in local authorities and businesses and you will connect to your fellow campaigners in the other cities via social media and email. You will learn about:

- Advocacy and presentational skills
- How local government works e.g. local government procurement and tendering
- Buying and supply chain policies and corporate social responsibility
- Inclusive recruitment and retention practices and campaigning skills
- Video production to allow experiences and stories to be shared.

We are looking for people that can spend on average one day a week working on this campaign and learning new skills as required.

How will being a volunteer help me?

- You will build confidence in speaking for yourself and people around you.
- You will develop a range of valuable skills that can be transferrable to different types of organisations including local government.
- You will be able to demonstrate initiative and engagement with the wider world.
- You will meet new people from different backgrounds.

How other young disabled people benefit from this project?

If we succeed in shaping tendering and procurement policies then more disabled people could find jobs and become apprentices. We'll be evaluating the campaign so we can get evidence to show different organisations and government this approach can work.

We want to see other barriers stopping disabled people from being employed removed.

We're also open to suggestions on how to make a difference. This campaign may have started with us but it ends with you!

I'm interested, how do I get involved?

Please email Leo Capella (leo.capella@disabilityrightsuk.org) with your CV, a message saying why you want to volunteer for this project and what your access requirements are **as soon as possible**.