

# Easy read

## Programme Information



# What is DRILL?



DRILL stands for Disability Research on Independent Living and Learning.

## What do you mean by independent living?

Independent Living means all disabled people having the same choice, control and freedom as any other citizen – at home, at work, and as members of the community.

This does not mean disabled people “doing everything for themselves”, but it does mean that any support people need should be based on their own choices and aspirations.

DRILL is a five year programme of research led by disabled people.



People with impairments and health conditions will lead work with researchers and policy makers to develop new research and pilot projects.

The projects will look at how public money can be used to help disabled people take part socially, economically and politically as citizens.

Over the next few pages are key questions and answers about the DRILL programme. We hope you find them useful.

## Structure



### Who are the organisations managing the programme?

Disability Wales, Disability Action Northern Ireland, Inclusion Scotland and Disability Rights UK will be working together in partnership.





## Will the partnership organisations be doing research?

Yes. Each of the four DRILL partner organisations will do some research...

...but most of the research will be done by other groups and organisations.



We may partner with each other in UK wide projects or work with other local organisations.



## How much of the money will go to Wales/Scotland/England/Northern Ireland?

We will make sure projects happen across the countries in the UK.







## Who is in charge of the programme?

A DRILL Programme Board is in charge, made up of a chief executive from each of the partner organisations.

There is one Central Research Committee and four National Advisory Groups, one for each country. These are led by disabled people and involve academics and policy makers.

## What is the role of the Central Research Committee and the National Advisory Groups?

The Central Research Committee decide which applications get the money available for projects.

The National Advisory Groups suggest good applications for money to the Central Research Committee.



## How did you decide who was on the National Advisory Groups and the Central Research Committee?

We wanted a mix of academics, disabled people and policy influencers all with experience to bring to the programme.

## Involvement



### Can anyone apply for funding?

An application should be led by disabled people in partnership with academics and has to meet the themes of the research programme. There are six research themes.



There is more work to be done to finalise the research themes.



## How will you make sure that disabled people are involved?

The National Advisory Groups and Central Research Committee will be led by disabled people.

Proposals will not be taken unless they can prove that they have been co-produced by disabled people.

And prove that disabled people are involved in all areas of the programme.

## What do you mean by 'co-production'?

Co-production means disabled people being involved equally at every stage of developing and delivering a proposal.





We will look at the evidence of this co-production to decide which proposals get the money available.



We will ask applicants to tell us about the co-production methods used in their research.



## Can we get help to develop proposals?

Yes, there will be a Programme Officer in each of the nations.

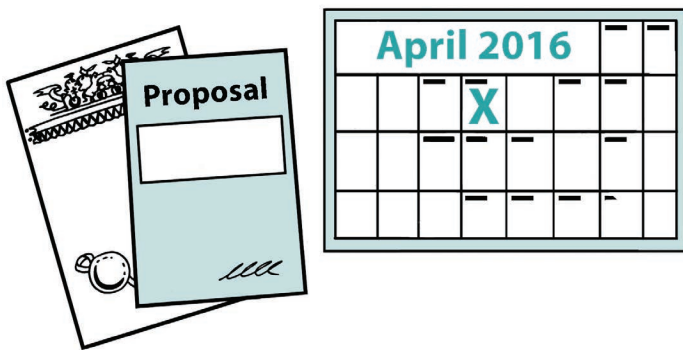


The Programme Officer will work with groups to meet researchers and academics and make connections.



If the programme is UK wide then the Programme Officer and Manager will link people up across the UK.

## Research



**When will the first calls for proposals go out?**

We expect the first calls for proposals will go out in April 2016.



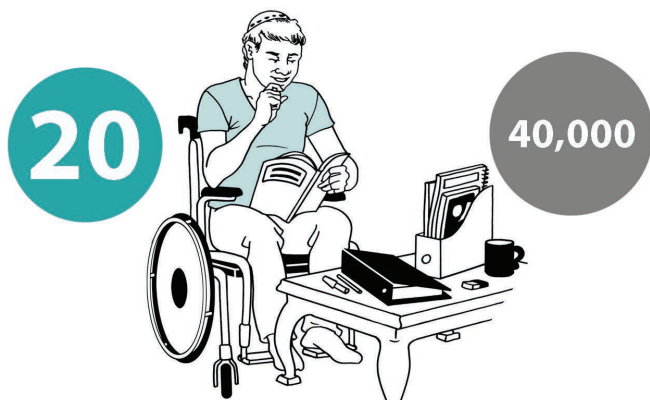
**How much will be spent on research or pilot programmes in each nation?**

The programme plan is to deliver 40 projects across the UK in the next five years.





6 large research projects at  
£100,000 each



20 smaller research projects  
up to £40,000 each



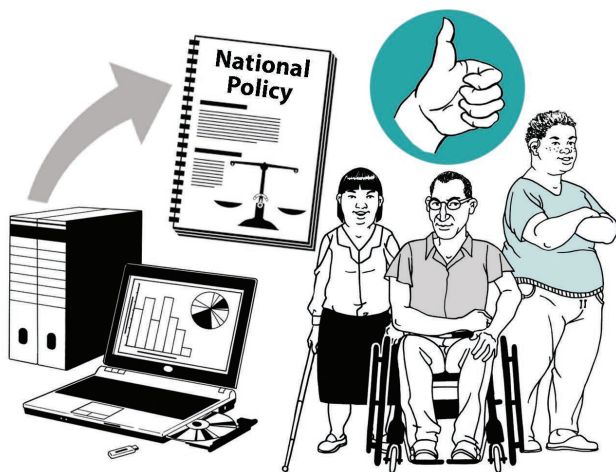
14 pilot projects of around  
£150,000 each



## How will the research be shared?

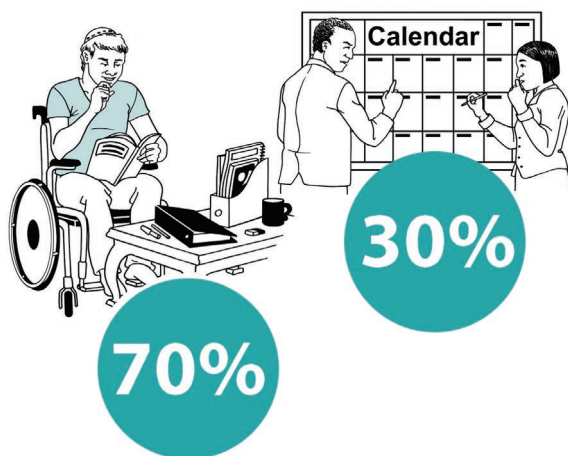
The research will be open to  
everyone in an accessible way.





We want the research to inform policy and lead real change for disabled people across the UK.

## How much of the money will be used for research or pilot programmes?



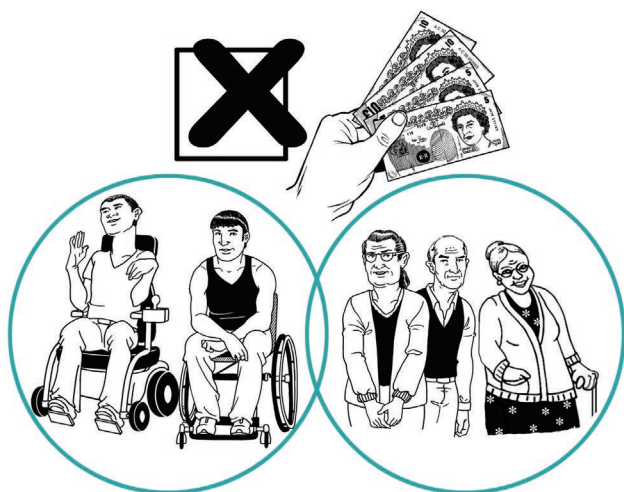
70% of the budget will go to research and pilot projects and 30% will go to the running of the programme.

## Direction

### Will you be funding specific work on, for example, Deaf people, mental health, learning difficulty, children, older people, LGBT people etc?

DRILL wants to develop research for the widest range of people, including people with different impairments.





However, we are not giving money to projects for single impairment groups or age groups.



We want the spread of our work to show how important inclusivity is to us.



**Will you be researching the impact of current government policy?**

We look carefully at the impact of national policy on disabled people.



We already know a lot about the problems. DRILL's research programme is about what the solutions could be.

# We have identified the following research themes

## Cross-cutting



### Autonomy

Controlling our lives  
and overcoming  
barriers to  
independent living

### Peer Support

Supporting each  
other by sharing  
experiences and  
learning

### Resilience

Growing through  
the experience of  
loss / adjustment to  
impairment



# Social Citizenship



## Inclusive communities

Participating in community life

## New service responses

New models of service

## Public services

Involvement in designing services



## Volunteering

Overcoming social isolation

## Information

Make choices and challenge decisions

# Economic Participation



## Education

Different learning styles for disabled people



## Employment

Ways in for young disabled people



## Career progression

Support to succeed in chosen career



## Peer support for employment

Support to take charge of career

# Civic Participation



## Active Participation

Contribution disabled people make to society

## Enabling leadership

Programmes designed for disabled people to take up leadership positions

## Multiple identities

The interaction of gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, with disability and public attitude.