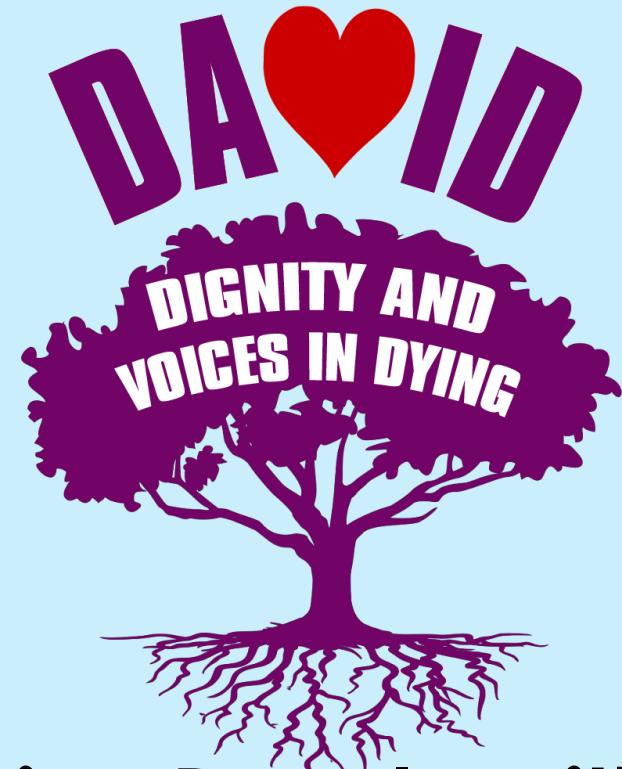


# People First Merseyside

## The DAVID Project



Empowering People with Learning  
Disabilities to make their End-of-Life plans

People First is a self-advocacy organisation.



We have been running for 37 years.



We are a member-led! This means we are run **BY** Autistic people and people with Learning Disabilities **FOR** Autistic people and people with Learning Disabilities.



We run our own office in Merseyside.

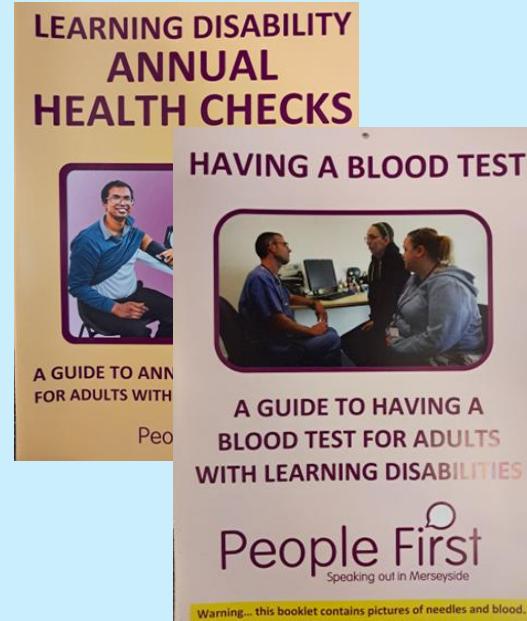


We speak up about important issues that affect the lives of people with learning disabilities.

10 members are on our Board of Directors, they make decisions for the company.



- Members join local meetings like the LD and Autism subgroup at the Royal Hospital.
- We are members of the Cheshire and Mersey Transforming Care in LeDeR meetings.
- We train others through DAVID and Red Flag for Cancer.
- We organise day trips and events like our hate crime comedy event at Royal court.



# What is the DAVID Project?

- The DAVID Project started in 2019 after the death of our dear friend and fellow member DAVID Morley.
- We realised that we knew very little about making our end-of-life plans.
- We had not had the chance to talk about death, to plan our own funerals or make our own wills.
- We decided we needed to find out more about death and dying so we came up with the idea of the DAVID Project.
- We succeeded in our bid for 5 years funding from the National Lottery!



# What have DAVID members been doing?

We have:

- Made films on key topics
- Made a series of easy read booklets
- Worked with Photosymbols to create images around death and dying.
- Worked with key professionals including funeral directors and solicitors.
- Launched a Cancer Buddy Group
- Made progress towards an accessible will pack with Liverpool John Moores Uni.
- Organised our own Conference ...

...And So Much More!!!

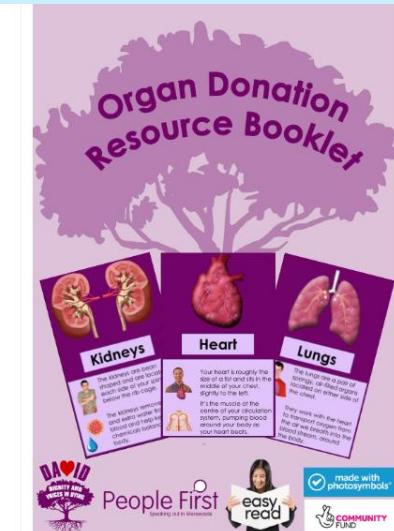
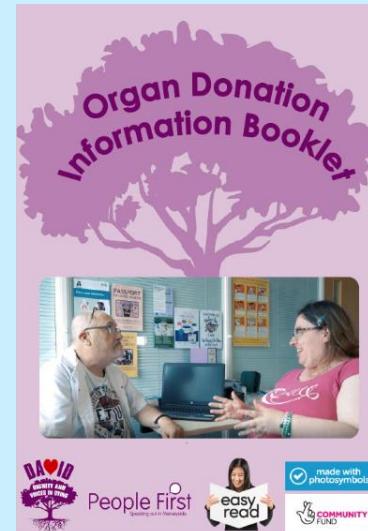


# Our DAVID Resources are now online!

[www.peoplefirstmerseyside.co.uk  
/free-resources/](http://www.peoplefirstmerseyside.co.uk/free-resources/)

We have booklets around bereavement, will writing, organ donation and funeral planning.

For each topic we have a resource, activity and information booklet.



# How can the palliative care community support People with Learning Disabilities?

Be open and honest around sensitive conversations around palliative care - we can deal with it!



We may need information about palliative care in Easy Read - if you want us to consult on this please get in touch.



Speak to us about our choices for End-of-Life Care - we have a voice, listen to it!



# Resources

Learning Disability & Autism Advance Care Planning and End of Life Toolkit for the North West of England is in development.

## [Victoria & Stuart Project Final Report 2024](#)

Video - an explanation of the contents of end of life care planning toolkit and how it was developed.

## [Publications | The Victoria And Stuart Project](#)

Lots of publications for professionals about the end of life care planning toolkit.

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## [The DAVID Project, People First Merseyside](#)

“Our mission is to ensure that the voices of people with a learning disability are heard, respected and valued and as a result they are able to live happier and healthier lives”

### [DAVID Project - Film 1 - Grief: Include Us](#)

### [DAVID Project - Film 2 - Organ Donation: Ask Us](#)

### [DAVID Project - Film 3 - Funeral Planning: Making Our Own Choices](#)

### [DAVID Project - Film 4 - Wills: Making Our Own Decisions](#)

### [DAVID Project - Film 5 - Emergency Card: We Want to Be Prepared](#)

### [DNACPR and ME – short film made by People First Merseyside about understanding DNACPR](#)