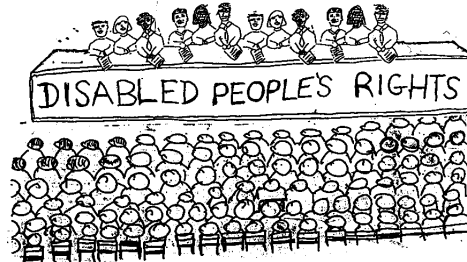


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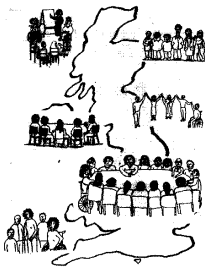
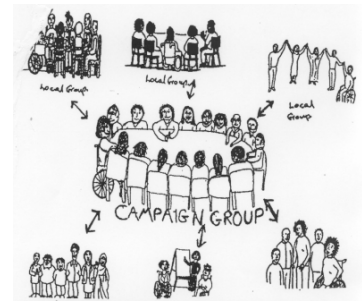
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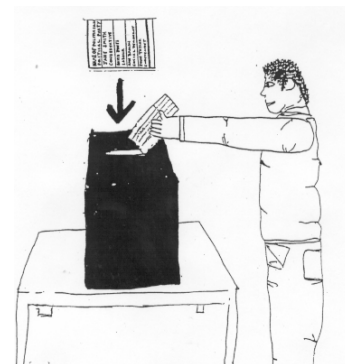
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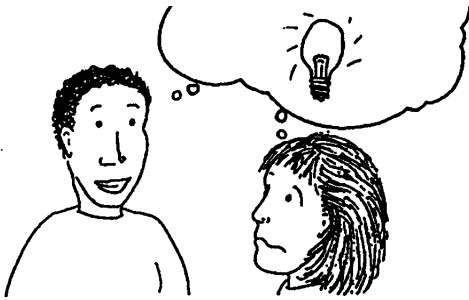
This Parliament is being set up because there is a need for disabled people to come together and have a strong voice at national level.



It is planned to have 180 disabled people elected to the Parliament. This will be from the 12 regions of the United Kingdom.

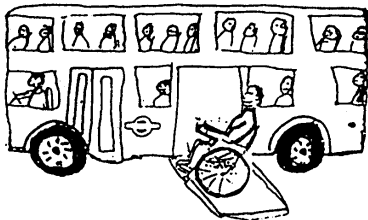
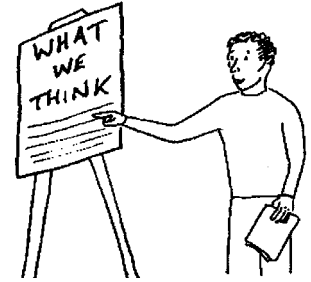
Disabled people from all over the country will be able to vote for the candidate of their choice to take their issues forward at national level. There will be particular help to encourage candidates from under-represented groups.





The disabled people's movement did some work many years ago which showed how important it was for disabled people to give their own ideas.

The feedback that The British Council of Disabled People has received from its member groups is that a strong national voice is what they want.



One way The British Council of Disabled People will be promoting the United Kingdom Disabled People's Parliament nationally is by using the European Year bus that is touring the United Kingdom in June 2003.

Candidates can use the European Year bus when it is in their area to tell other people what they will do in parliament.



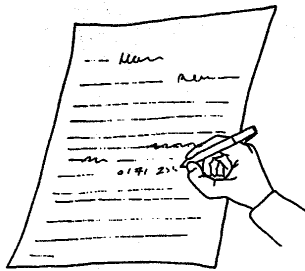
The British Council of Disabled People will also be using the media and its own member groups as other ways to tell people about the parliament.

All the work for the parliament is being done from The British Council of Disabled People's offices in Derby.



Any disabled person who wants to be a candidate for the Parliament needs to register first with a member group of BCODP.

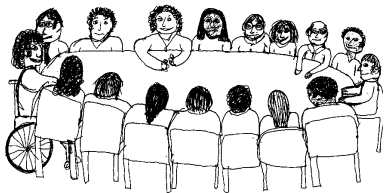
They must then send a letter to BCODP as soon as possible and no later than 16th June 2003 telling us that they want to be a candidate.



They must also enclose a report telling us about themselves and why they want to be elected. This must be no more that 150 words.

In order to vote, a disabled person must be a member of a British Council Of Disabled People member group or a member of The British Council Of Disabled People by 30th June 2003.

Member group of BCODP



I am a member of this group.