



The Survey



Easy-to-Read Summary

Introduction

My Opinion My Vote is a project about politics and people with learning disabilities.

The My Opinion My Vote project is called MOTE for short.

MOTE is an EU project.

Six countries are taking part in MOTE.

These countries are Italy, Ireland, Denmark, Malta, Spain and Hungary.

People with learning disabilities have more opportunities now to speak up for themselves and make choices than they did in the past.

People with learning disabilities still have problems though, when they want to use their political rights.

Method = what we did

The project has some aims.

1. Increase political participation among people with learning disabilities.
2. Find out the best ways for people with learning disabilities to learn about politics
3. Find out what families and professionals think about politics and people with learning disabilities.

The MOTE project team put together a set of questions to gather this information

Questionnaire = a set of questions used to gather information, often printed on paper.

75 questionnaires were filled out by schools and other organisations.

49 questionnaires were filled out by families

Results = what we found out

Most schools try to promote the right to vote with their students.

Schools try to encourage students to be good citizens.

Schools want students with learning disabilities to have the skills and knowledge to stand up for themselves and change things about how decisions are made by governments.

Schools explain that students need to learn public speaking skills in order to use their rights more.

Schools don't seem to work with disability organisations when planning lessons about political rights.

Schools teach students about their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Schools teach students about the government and political parties.

Schools teach students about democracy.

Schools encourage students to have discussions about politics during the classes.

Schools use videos, visits to government and role play activities to teach students about politics.

Most of the families interviewed said it is important for people with disabilities to know about politics and vote in elections.

Families talk about politics and elections.

Families encourage the family member with a disability to watch the news and read the newspapers.

Families discuss results of elections

Conclusion = what we have learnt

We have learnt that there is a need to publish education lessons.

Families must be made aware of the right of their family member with a learning disability to vote.

Families must also be involved in teaching about politics.

The MOTE project is making an education programme about politics and voting.

The programme is for people with learning disabilities.

The programme hopes to help people with learning disabilities to better understand politics.

The MOTE project is also making information about voting, elections and the EU that is easy to read.

Easy to read information will have this picture



For more information about MOTE please visit this website www.myopinionmyvote.eu