



We Are The People- Community Grants 2025

Guidance for applicants: Disabled People's Organisations (DPO) research

We are looking for research projects that are meaningful for disabled people interested in DPOs and their work. Formal research experience is not required, as support from the We Are the People team will be provided throughout. We are open to suggestions about what these topics should involve, but projects **could** be about:

- Projects that recognise the value of the lived experience of disabled people as a unique source of knowledge.
- What does authentic co-production with disabled people look like? Can co-production ever truly involve an equal distribution of power? If so, what steps does co-produced work need to observe for this to happen?
- Do DPOs represent the full spectrum of disabled people, and the barriers faced by disabled people in different communities?
- What kinds of threats are faced specifically by disabled people and what steps can be taken to challenge them? What role could or should DPOs play in community crisis response?
- Are DPOs active participants in eco-climate activism, and if not, what are the barriers to participation?

NOTE: This grant is available for DPOs, Users of DPOs and other groups that community groups that are predominantly run or used by disabled people.