

Our work on Easy Read standards

Who we are and what we are working on



Disability Equality Scotland runs the UK Easy Read Standards **Working Group**.



A working group is **experts** who work together to make something happen.

An **expert** is somebody who knows a lot about something.



We are a group of Easy Read experts, like:

- Easy Read users
- Easy Read writers



In the working group are:

44 people from different parts of the UK.

The people are from over 20 different organisations that work with Easy Read users.



Our working group wants to make Easy Read **standards** for the UK.

Standards are rules for the best way to do something.

We want all Easy Read to be done in the best way.

We know that different readers need different things.

The standards have rules for Easy Read:

- words
- sentences
- pictures
- documents



We use easy language to explain the rules.

Our work in 2024 and 2025



We started work in September 2024.

The working group:



- looked at how we all already write Easy Read
- found out what we do differently and what we do the same.
- agreed to do more things the same in our Easy Read.
- agreed that Easy Read writers can still do things differently when the readers need this.



In October 2025 we finished writing the standards.

Now everybody in the working group is using the standards as part of our Easy Read work.

We are testing out the standards to see if they make everyone's Easy Read better.

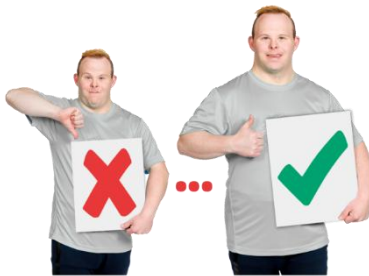
The work we will do in 2026



In August 2026 the group will look together at the standards.



We will talk about what works and what does not work in the standards.



Then we might change the standards to make them better,



In October 2026 the standards will be ready for everyone to use.

How our work includes you



If you are an Easy Read user:

- You might see some changes in the things you read.
- We hope the changes will make things easier to understand.
- Most things in Easy Read will not change.
- This is because most Easy Read writers already do things in the same way.



If you are an Easy Read writer:

- Please use the standards.
- Keep a note of things in the standards that work well for your readers.
- Keep a note of things in the standards that do not work well for your readers.
- You can share these notes with the working group in February 2026.



If you want to know more about Easy Read:

- The standards are a good introduction to how Easy Read works.
- The standards have some ideas about language and layout that you can use in other kinds of writing.
- If you see any social media posts from us, please like and share!

How to find out more



If you have any questions, please email:
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