Specialist Section People with Learning Disabilities

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The College of Occupational Therapists Specialist Section – People with Learning Disabilities is a branch of the College of Occupational Therapists (COT). The membership includes occupational therapists (OTs) from a variety of backgrounds, such as educators, researchers, occupational therapy (OT) staff and students, who have an interest in people with learning disabilities. The Specialist Section – People with Learning Disabilities, is active in supporting members to deliver high quality services.

The Specialist Section – People with Learning Disabilities is led by a National Executive Committee (NEC) made up of volunteers elected from the membership at the Annual Review Meeting (ARM). Members support fellow members at local and national levels across the UK. All members must also be a member of the British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT).

Our members had this to say:
“For many years I was the only occupational therapist in the service... I thought I was doing OK until I got in touch with others.”

“You give real value for money and with our local group we have gained so much useful information.”

“Our team enjoy all of the newsletter and find much of it useful and all of it interesting.”

“Over the last 4-5 years our conferences have been really good, there’s been a lot of opportunity to share.”
Aims of the Specialist Section

- To promote high standards of occupational therapy practice for people with learning disabilities.
- To unite and encourage maximum interaction and support between members of the profession working with people with learning disabilities.
- To share expertise, techniques, ideas and new information.
- To organise and encourage participation in educational events of contemporary interest.
- To encourage collaboration and understanding between OT and other disciplines.
- To emphasise the importance of educating occupational therapy students and practitioners about the needs of people with learning disabilities.

Membership Benefits

- Direct link to a database of OTs working with people with learning disabilities.
- Receive and contribute to the e-newsletter.
- Access to the website and discussion forum.
- Reduced fees at the annual conference and other learning events.
- Active committee representing members interests at national level.
- Opportunities to network both locally and nationally through regional groups.
- Representation at relevant forums at COT.
- Regular emails updating members on current items of interest, developments and innovations.
- ‘Locality special interest group’ can benefit from additional support and resources when participants are Specialist Section members.
- A well-attended annual conference covering a variety of areas relevant to occupational therapy with people with learning disabilities, plus study days on topical issues.
Joining information

Q: How do I join Specialist Section - People with Learning Difficulties?
A: Please visit www.COT.org.uk/specialistsections/PLD and download our membership form.

Q: How long does my membership last?
A: The membership year runs from 1st October to 30th September annually.

For more information about the Specialist Section - People with Learning Difficulties please visit our website: www.COT.org.uk/specialistsections/PLD or contact via email at cotsspld@hotmail.com

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