

# London Renters Union Disability Justice Caucus



# What is the LRU?

We are a group of renters who come together **to support each other** with housing issues and also campaigning to change the housing system for the better.

We're a union, which means we have members who organise together. We don't do 'casework' or give legal advice, instead we campaign together and all bring our different skills to help collectively solve issues.

People can join the union online or in person. Membership is pay what you can, and there is a free membership option if for those who can't afford to pay.

If we want to...

**Transform the Housing System**



We need to...

**Change the Balance of power**



By...

**Building power with our members**

**SAFE AND  
HEALTHY  
HOMES  
FOR ALL**

**POWER IN  
THE UNION**

**NO DISTRICT  
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AT  
EROS  
HOUSES**

**HOMES:  
DO THE  
RIGHT  
THING**

**LEWISHAM  
COUNCIL  
FIX UP!**

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RENTERS  
UNION**

  
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The Disability Justice Caucus is a caucus for disabled members in the LRU to organise together. We were formed in the 2020 AMA and voted through by the wider union. We are pan-London group and receive the same base budget as an individual branch.

# Our Set Up

- Open to any member of the London Renters Union who is disabled, neurodivergent, D/deaf, chronically ill and/or mentally ill, or who still trying to figure out if they identify as disabled.
- Monthly online open meetings to socialise, offer support for housing issues, and plan for the future of the caucus.
- Caucus planning committee open to disabled members who want to help with the day-to-day running of the caucus in any way.
- Two elected members on the Co-ordinating Group for the LRU.



PEOPLE ON BENEFITS  
NEED HOMES TOO!

People on benefits  
need HOMES too!

Homes  
for  
people  
not  
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unite  
Communist  
members

1 BROADWAY

# Our Approach

- Piloting new ways of helping disabled renters support each other in both our caucus and across the union. This includes member solidarity pods composed of the LRU member with a housing issue, one caucus member, and one local LRU member, and local branch disabled member peer support groups that operate as sub-groups for both local branches and the caucus.
- Create a safe social space where disabled members can voice their frustrations with the housing system and flag areas within the wider union that we need to address.
- Work with other LRU branches on jointly run dispute to advocate for our disabled members housing rights.

# Our Wins

- Have been able to shift the wider union to prioritise disabled renters more in campaigns and strategy, and move towards dismantling ableist structures within the union.
- Secured promises relating to accessible housing in our #SideWithRenters local election campaigns.
- Empowered members through our dedicated space to become more active in the union and in the wider community.
- Begun to have some member solidarity wins and launching our first major dispute against Tower Hamlets Homes.



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NO MORE STALLING  
NO MORE THREATENING

POWER  
TO THE  
RENTERS

CLARION:  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
NOW!

# Our Future Plans

- Continue to be an active part of the wider DDPO housing landscape through joining networks, and creating alliances with other organisations to fight for disabled renter rights.
- Begin phase one of our participatory action research project looking at the ableism within the housing sector and how renters unions can address this internally and externally. This follows a successful initial exploratory stage looking at the key issues.
- Conducting wider campaigns on accessible housing issues, and apply for grant funding to build on our current activities!



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STOP

EVICTIONS

#JUST  
HACKNEY

**Any questions?**

