

## Communicate 2U: New Horizons Project (2025)

### Impact

- Preventing avoidable harm & deaths of people with learning disabilities in the health and social care sectors.
- Poor communication is understood to contribute greatly to avoidable harm and deaths of people with LD and a cultural shift within these sectors is needed.
- Young people with learning disabilities are given the skills and confidence they need become valued members of society as 'Communication Experts'.

### Outcomes

- Health and social care professionals are taught the skills and given the motivation they need to communicate effectively with their most vulnerable patients and clients (including but not exclusively those with learning disabilities).
- Young people with LD working with Communicate 2U, are given the skills and confidence they need to become 'Communication Experts' and train the above professionals how to communicate effectively with them.
- Where financially viable the most experienced 'Communication Experts' will be paid for their work and expertise to demonstrate their value in creating meaningful change.

### Activities

- Communicate 2U staff and 'Communication Experts' work collaboratively to plan and deliver communication training to health and social care professionals across Birmingham, the West Midlands and the UK. This can be through face-to-face training or online.
- Communicate 2U will continue to put creativity and enjoyment at the forefront of all our training by using drama, music and film.
- A full-time staff role will be created to coordinate the 'new horizons' project, becoming responsible for the coordination of training events with our most experienced 'Communication Experts'. As well as cultivating new and existing relationships within the health and social care sectors. Including but not limited to Birmingham & Solihull Hospitals, Coventry University, Aston University, Newman University, Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health Trust and West Midlands Trains.