



Our Evaluation Group

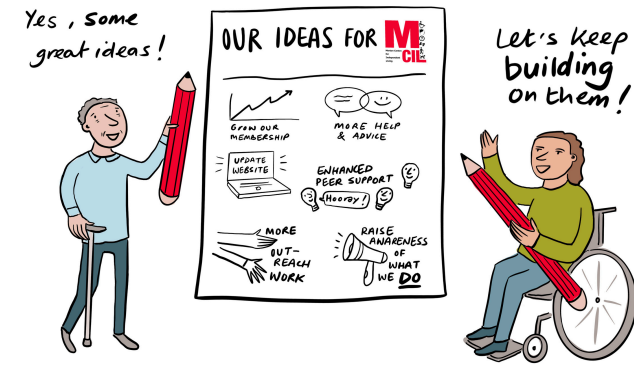
A space for Staff, Trustees, Service Users, Members, Access Champions, Leaders and Volunteers to come together to reflect on how we are doing and get creative about how we can make things better.

What does 'Evaluation' mean?
Evaluation is the process of assessing the value, merit, quality, or significance of something. Evaluation helps us to understand the difference our work is making.



Why our Evaluation Group is important

- As an organisation run by and for Disabled people, the Evaluation Group helps us to embed diverse and intersectional lived experience into the development of our organisation.
- It helps us to generate helpful, evidence-based learning that we can use to improve how we do things.
- The Evaluation Group also allows us to consistently listen and ensure that we are responding to the evolving needs of our community.
- We deeply understand that community is important in achieving disability justice. By coming together in this way, we are able to think strategically about how we create an organisation and ways of working that push for systems change.



How will the Evaluation Groups feedback be used?

The feedback of the Evaluation Group is key to decision making within our organisation. Feedback will help us to:

- Co-design and improve services and work
- Improve accessibility
- Develop our organisation
- Support more Disabled people
- Ensure accountability and quality
- Build on our strengths
- And more.

About the Evaluation Group meetings

Meetings will be hosted by our CEO and take place four times per year. We will meet for 2 hours and have a fixed agenda. Meetings will take place online (Zoom). In 2026/27, the topics for each Evaluation Group are:

- Session 1** - A review of our strategic priorities
- Session 2** - Embedding intersectionality
- Session 3** - Rebranding for sustainability
- Session 4** - A review of our values, definitions and independence charter



Each meeting will end with time to raise any points that you may have about our organisation and its work.



We are recruiting new members of our 2026 Evaluation Group - How to join

Are you a Disabled person that is a part of our community of members? Do you have lived experience and ideas that you think would be valuable to our Evaluation Group? Please get in touch.

To express your interest in joining our Evaluation Group, send us an email, voice note, video or piece of art telling us why you want to join. We will then get in touch.

By joining we would ask you to commit to attending the four sessions over from June 2026 to March 2027 and to review a small amount of visual or written information before each session.



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