

# Learning Disabilities News Bulletin: 28 January 2008

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## **Backbench bill over special needs services**

An MP with a severely dyslexic son launched a Bill to end the "patchwork quilt" of services for children with special needs today 25/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29467>

## **Discovery of new cause of mental retardation simplifies search for treatments**

2 to 3 children in 100 are born with a mental handicap. This can be caused by a genetic defect, but in 80% of the cases scientists do not know which genes are responsible. Now, VIB researchers connected to the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, in... 24/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29461>

## **Grant to help learning disabled live independently**

A charity that helps people with learning disabilities to live independently was celebrating today after scooping a grant towards the salaries of its support workers 23/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29442>

## **A £34m learning campus plan submitted**

A £34m scheme to create Plymouth's second community education campus will be submitted to planners this week 22/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29430>

## **Internet codes keeping disabled surfers off sites**

Many disabled people are effectively being locked out of popular social networking sites, a charity said today 21/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29419>

## **Employers urged to take on disabled workers**

Employers in Norwich have been invited to attend a conference tomorrow to highlight the benefits of including disabled people in the workforce 21/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29420>

## **More money to help disabled workers into sustained employment**

More money will be available to help disabled workers move into sustained employment announced Secretary of State for Work and Pensions Peter Hain today 21/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29421>

### **Minister seeks views on Disability Employment Services**

Anne McGuire, Minister for Disabled People, visited Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh today (21 January) to speak at the first of a series of public consultation events on the Government's recent report: Helping people achieve their full... 21/01/2008

More information at:

<http://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/information/news/?EntryId=29422>

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