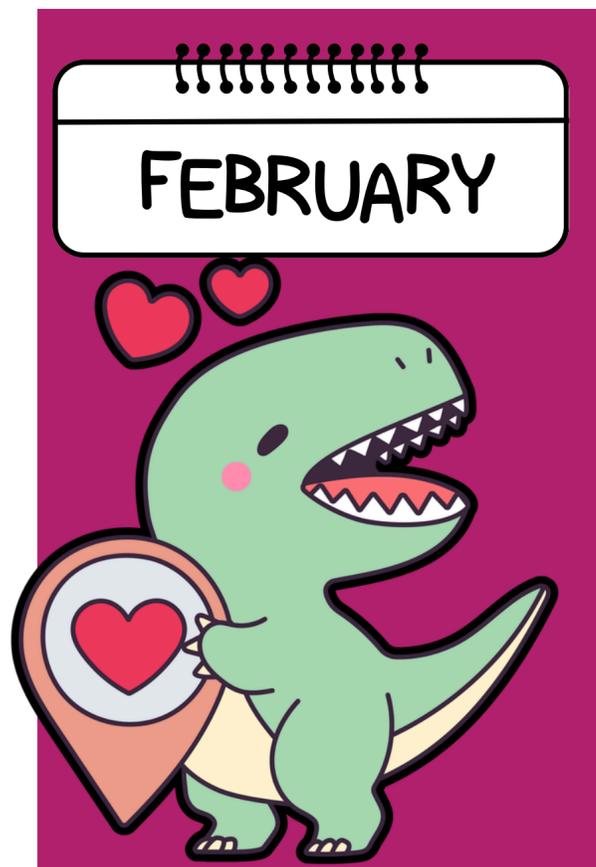


# NEWSLETTER



## Six-Year-Old Girl Scout Breaks Cookie Sales Record After Being Told Her Disabilities Would Hold her Back



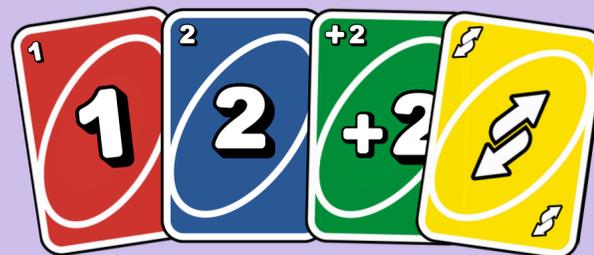
Six-year old Pim from Pittsburgh has made history by selling Girl Scout Cookies, breaking a major record. After being turned away by several

troops because of her abilities, Pim refused to give up on her dream of becoming a Girl Scout. With determination, creativity and the power of social media, she turned a simple fundraiser into something extraordinary.

Read inside to discover how Pim's journey is inspiring others and breaking down barriers .

*See inside for more information*

## UNO switch-up



The colour of your card decides your question.

## BREAKING NEWS

### News Highlights

- Double amputee prepares for triathlon
- National film school: Accessible accommodation and bursaries
- SEND funding: Inclusive schools

*See inside for more information*

Help each other	
Open to suggestions	
Confidentiality	



# UPDATES/ NEWS

## Agenda

-  Introductions
-  Icebreaker
-  Group agreement
-  SEND White Paper
-  Changes: moving from one place to another
-  Questions
-  Feedback



This month when asked to choose an image based on how we are feeling, we had images of different animals!

## The 2026 SEND White Paper



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## Fraser Penman turns his rare condition into a MAGICAL lesson! | Auditions | BGT 2026



[Video Link - watch here](#)

## Monthly Highlights & SEND specific news

# BREAKING NEWS

### Double amputee gears up for Paralympic Games



[Link to article](#)

### National Film and Television School introduces fully accessible accommodation and bursary scheme



[Link to article](#)

### Billions in SEND funding will make schools more inclusive, ministers say



[Link to article](#)



# MEETING SUMMARY

This month our topic was 'Changes Through Life', which was aimed particularly at those turning 25, turning 18 or changing schools.

We had 6 members join us this month, which is good news as we have recruited in an area we didn't have before! We then went on to do our introductions, where the sheep-ometer made a return! With the popularity of the Uno Switch up, we decided to bring it back with all members choosing different options, and it is always nice for all of our members to get to know each other a bit better since we are all remote.

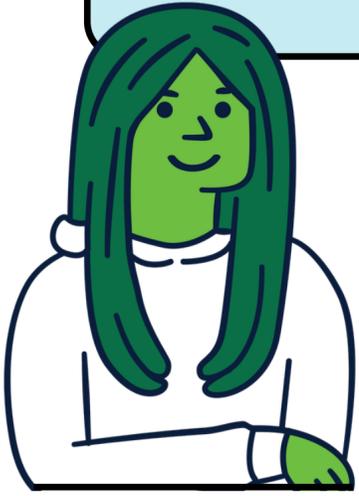
The week of our CYPSEA meeting was the same week the SEND white paper was released, so we wanted to find out what questions our members had and also what they knew about it! The questions asked will be answered directly with some appearing in the newsletter! As a group, our members decided that we would use next meeting to learn and ask questions more as we find out more information.

We continued on to cover Changes through Life, where we initially focused on how changes make us feel, which started a good discussion on how you can feel worried and also excited about the same thing! We then moved to discussing what would help when change is about to happen which was very much centred around preparation, whether that be visiting the place or having a discussion with a person to talk to who listened to us. Which was a good lead up to talking about how to be involved in upcoming changes and how you want them communicated with you! With us discussing different methods like being in person, or video calls but also having things in writing so everyone walks away with the same understanding. We also discussed different changes that are making us worried, where many of them had similar themes like something ending or an unknown.

Our feedback was positive with all members saying they felt listened too and all members got a chance to join in!

– *Written by YPC*

The 2026 SEND  
White Paper



# YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION

The long-awaited white paper was released on February 23rd 2026, under the name 'Every Child Achieving and Thriving' and the government have launched a consultation for every person to feed in their thoughts based on it. The consultation 'Putting Children and Young People First', runs between 23rd February 2026 to May

18 2026. This White paper was delayed after being expected in Autumn 2025 as the government wanted to speak to more families and experts, some might remember my previous article!

The SEND White Paper in summary is a legal document that sets out the government's plan to improve young peoples access to Special Educational Needs provision, to allow all children to thrive in an environment that suits them. It proposes that provision will be based on identification of needs, instead of diagnosis which would be implemented through the new Individual Support Plans, increasing outcomes and schools would be expected to implement this rather than waiting for external assessments.

The government is also proposing that Local Area Partnerships will become mandatory for everyone to communicate swiftly and effectively. As many young people share with us, often the support is fragmented with one thing sitting within one team, and another within another team who won't communicate with each other leading to the young person and family to become a human telephone to get the right support. As of right now we do not know what would become legislation, but it is expected that this will be regulated and will force joint responsibility and planning, with the aim of allow young people to thrive and progress.

There is also a proposal that EHCPs would remain but only for the most complex young people with Individual Support Plans coming in within a three-tier system which would consist of Targeted Support, Targeted Plus and Specialist Support. We don't know much about how this will be regulated or implemented but as we find more information out we will share this.

Overall, this document is full of different proposals set to gage everyone's different ideas. It is important that other the next few months young people especially respond to the consultation, whether that be individually or within an organisation. After the consultation period we will have to wait longer to find out and see the drafted legislation changes.

It is really important to remember that these changes won't be made overnight, the legislation is expected in 2027 with a gradual implementation between 2028 and 2030 so please do not worry about what could happen. **You will find the link/QR code for the consultation on PAGE 12. So please respond to this!** – *Written by YPC*

## 2026 New Updates: SEND changes

The updated plans aim to make SEND support simpler, clearer, and fairer.

 <b>Clearer support in schools</b>	<p>Schools will have clearer guidance on how to support children with SEND so families know what help should be available.</p>	 <b>Better Team work</b>	<p>Schools, health services, and local councils should work closer together to support children and young people.</p>
 <b>Earlier Support</b>	<p>Children should get help earlier, without always needing a long assessment first.</p>	 <b>Preparing for the future</b>	<p>There is more focus on helping young people with SEND prepare for college, jobs, and independent living.</p>
 <b>More consistency across the country</b>	<p>Support should be similar wherever you live, so families do not have very different experiences depending on their area.</p>	 <b>Listening to young people</b>	<p>Children and young people should have more say in decisions about their education and support.</p>

## What is it?

The SEND White Paper is a plan created by the government to improve support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

A white paper is a document that explains what changes the government wants to make and how they plan to improve things.

The SEND White Paper is about making sure children and young people who need extra help can:

 <b>Get the right support in school</b>	 <b>Have a voice in decisions about their education</b>
 <b>Be included and treated fairly</b>	 <b>Be supported to prepare for adult life, jobs, and independence</b>

# Six-Year-Old Girl Scout Breaks Cookie Sales Record After Being Told Her Disabilities Would Hold her Back



## BREAKING NEWS

Six-year-old Pim from Pittsburgh, has just surpassed the record of the most Girl Scout Cookies, after selling over 100,000 cookies!

Pim wanted to be a girl scout since the age of three, and so her parents set themselves on finding a Girl Scout Troop that would welcome her. They initially tried their closest Girl Scout Troop, but Pim was denied due to having multiple disabilities, with the leader say that she would hold the unit back.

Pim and her parents didn't let this stop her and they continued to try and find a troop that fitted her not that she had to fit into. Eventually after different troops further denying her for a variety of reasons such as her age and again her disability, they found a troop that was perfect for her! She jumped head first into all fundraising efforts which has helped her troop get to do things few do!

After initially selling over 800 boxes in a week, Pim decided to take it to the next level with the aim of winning a trip to the Niagara Falls. Through using TikTok and other social media she increased her amount to over ten times, with over 20,000 cookies being sold in 24 hours.

One sale at a time Pim is helping other young people with disabilities overcome barriers that society have made.



– Written by YPC

[Link to article](#)

# How change makes members feel

Angry

Anxious

Worried, but excited

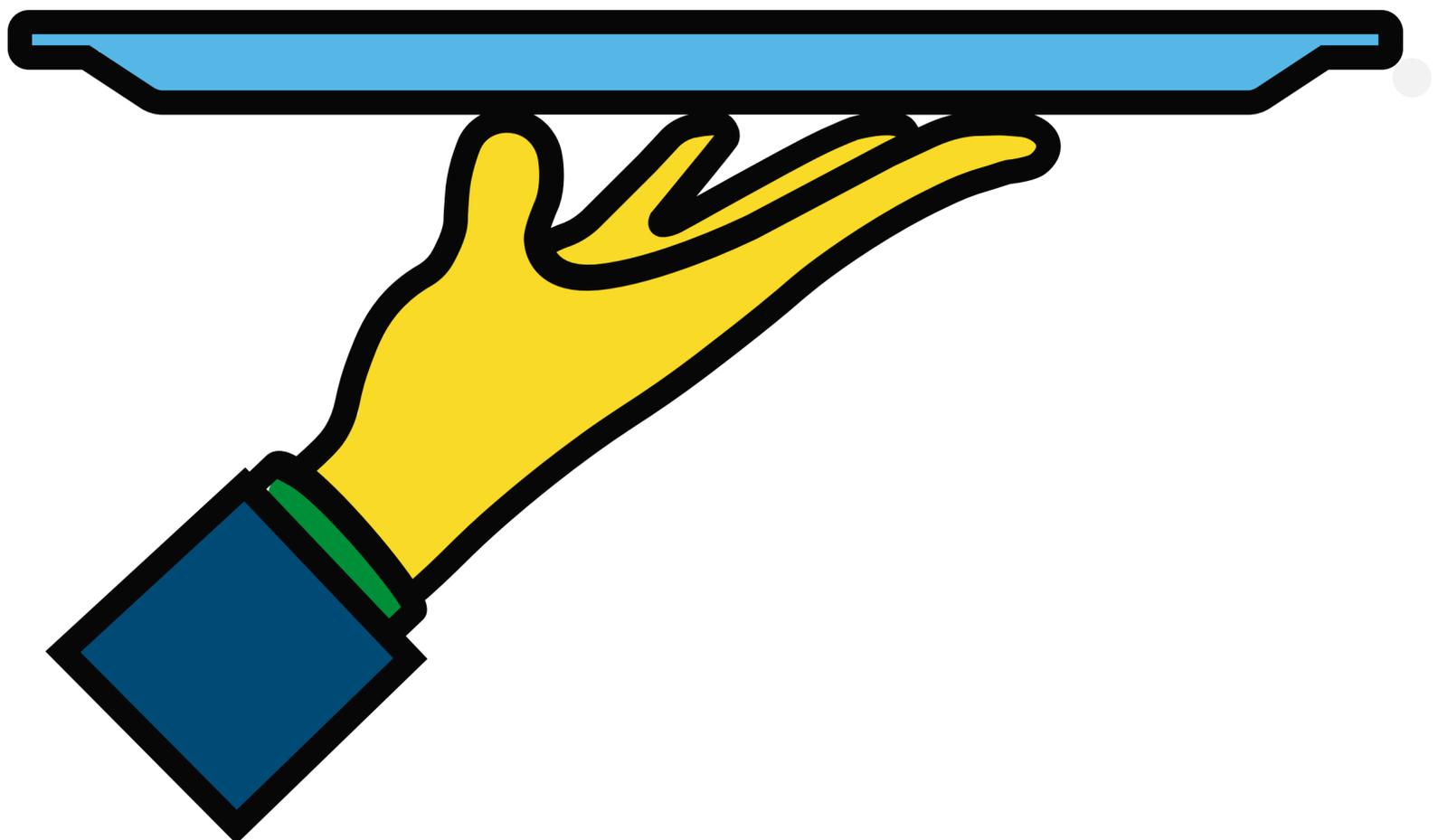
Scared

Nervous

Complicated

Stressed

Happy, if done right



# Upcoming change that is causing members to be worried



I am doing tests in my new set and they are quite harder than I am used to

Receiving the correct help I need going forward



I have been told I am unable to work due to the extent of my disability which is causing me worry



There has been a change in my job



I have an upcoming surgery



EHCP changes, losing my EHCP



There are bus route changes for the bus I take



I am moving sets in school, we weren't told much and it just happened



I am possibly having to move again

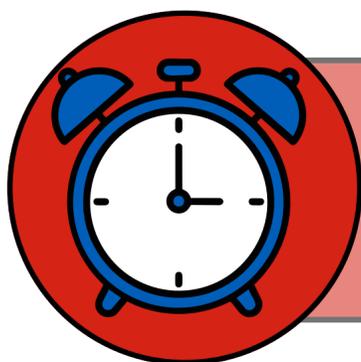
# What could help members when change is about to happen



Support by a person



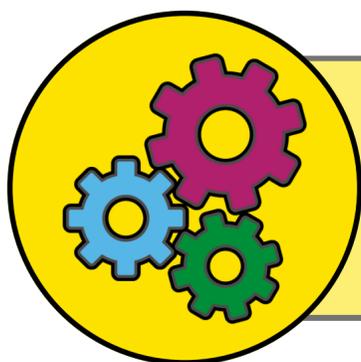
Listen to us



Having the right information at the right time



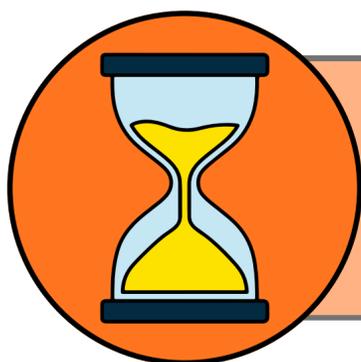
Some one to tell me what will happen and give me time to understand



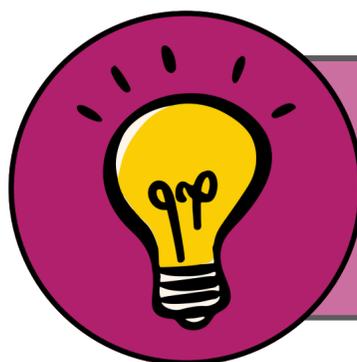
Visit before to familiarise with new people



Having a support network



Slow transition to adjust without being overwhelmed



To understand what is going to happen and how it may help



Knowing the Expectations



Having the contact details in advance to ask questions too

# How members would like to be involved with changes in their lives



Making sure the people I am working with is person centred

Being involved in meetings and talks, about what the change is and showing me how to tackle it



I want to be involved in the choices to feel in control of my life

Let me make the decision, without feeling like I am just part of a budget



Being given all the options that are needed and a choice in choosing them

# How members would like to be involved with changes in their lives

Being involved in change and the decision making



Being involved in meetings about me



Having the option and control to decide what's best for me



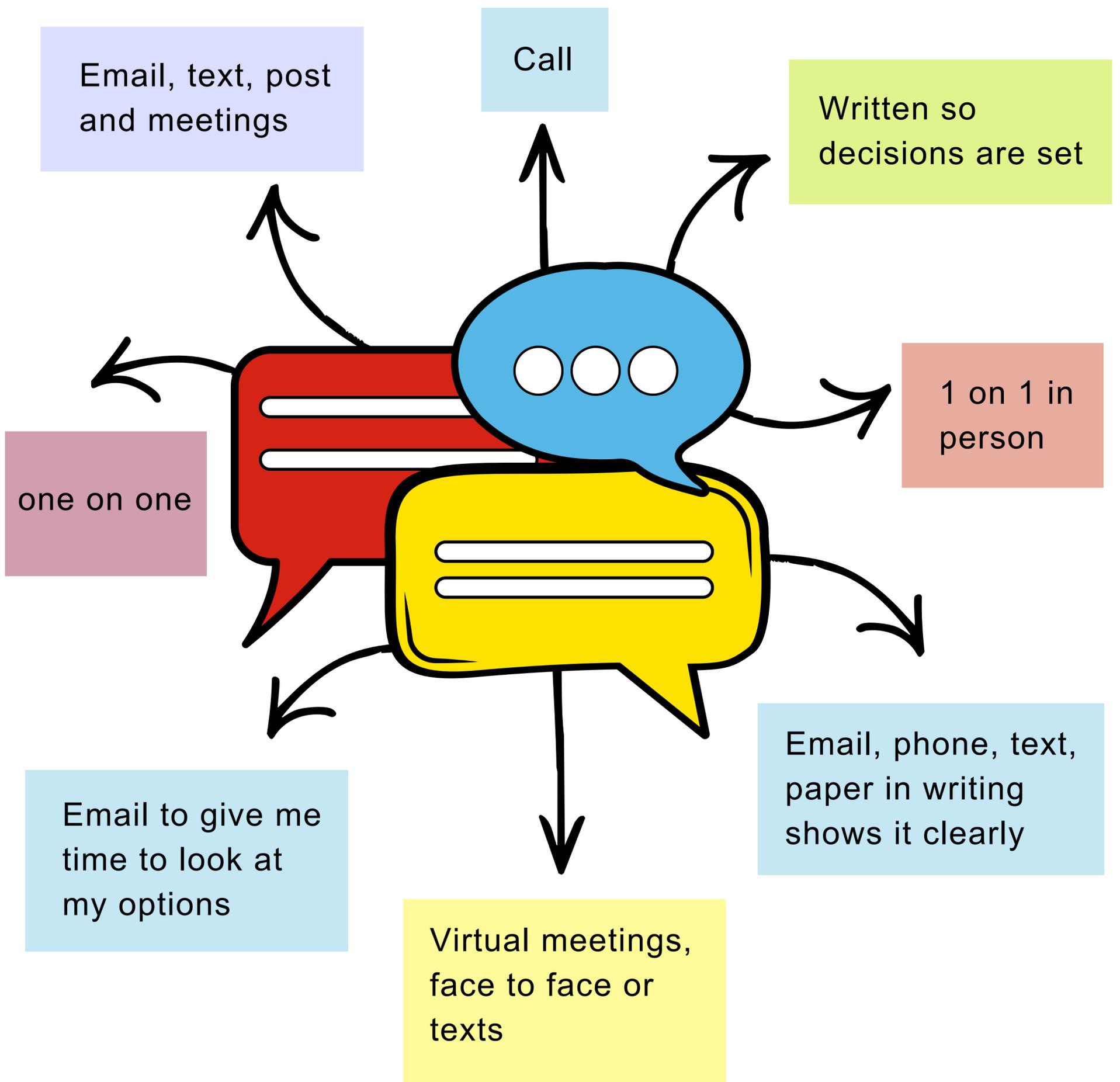
Being shown some of the options, instead of someone choosing for me



Small changes make a big difference

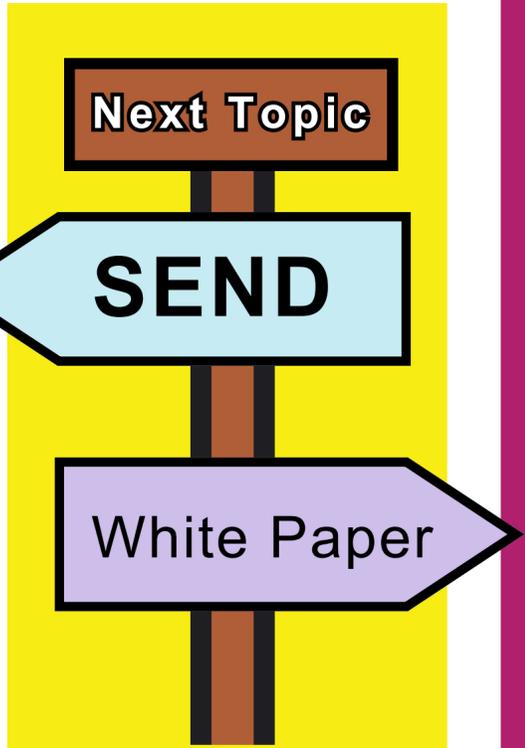


# when we talk about changes, this is how members would like to be communicated with

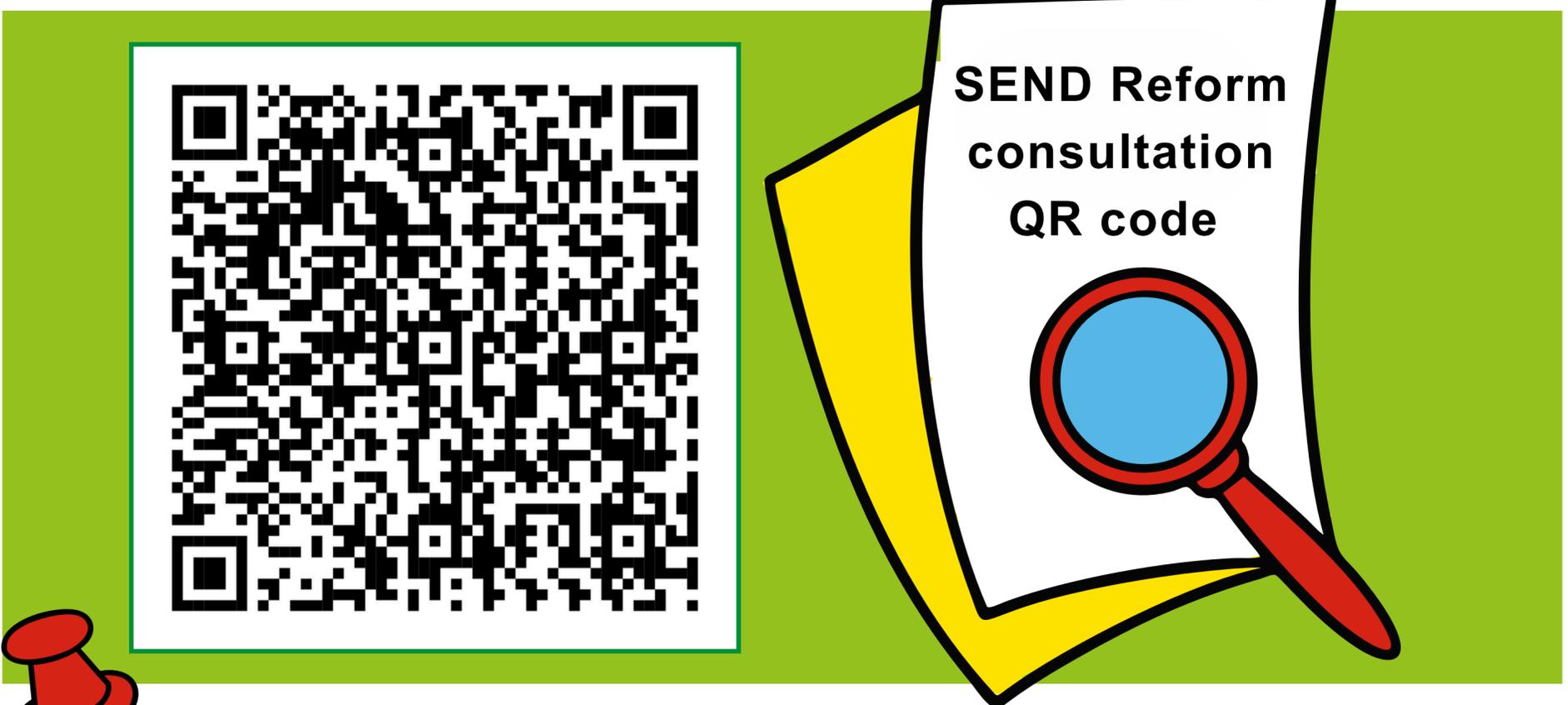




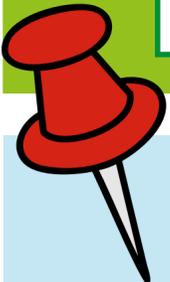
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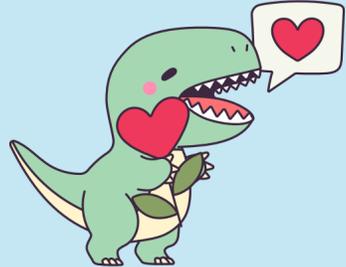
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White Paper



SEND Reform consultation QR code



**Random acts of kindness**  
For yourself & others!



Share kind words



Lend a hand



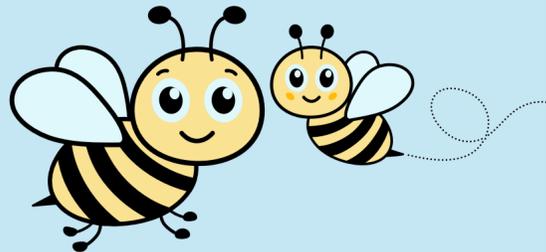
Compliment someone



Check-in on someone



Make a card or note for someone



Smile at someone you come across