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Every Child Matters

# Going places!



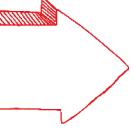
**We asked disabled children and young people all over the country this question**

“What would better places to go and things to do look like for you?”

**Lots of children and young people said**

“You can find out what is best for us by asking us”





## Why have we made this leaflet?

We want the people in charge of the country to listen to disabled children and young people and make sure they can all have good places to go and things to do near where they live.

## The top 3 changes that disabled children and young people want

### 1. Better attitudes from staff, adults and other young people

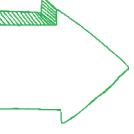
“I don’t want to feel like a nuisance or somebody different. I just want to do everything that everybody else does.”

### 2. Places that are easier to get to and get around, so that they can join in

“We’re fed up of going to places that say they are for disabled people because they have ramps, but that others can’t access.”

### 3. Better transport to get to places

“It doesn’t matter how good things are, if you can’t get there in the first place, what’s the point?”



## Other things that children and young people told us they wanted to change

### Doing things on your own or with friends, not parents

"It's good if you can do things independently 'cause you learn independence skills and confidence."

### Stop bullying

"I don't like the street, I don't like the park, I don't like the swimming pool because of bullies."

Children and young people told us they want places where they can spend time with their friends and have a laugh.

"When I come here I feel that I don't have a disability. I feel like one of the gang."

### What are we going to do next?

- We will tell the people in charge of the country, like the Prime Minister, what you have said needs to change to make things better.
- We will tell them to work with the people in charge of your local area to make sure you have good places to go and things to do near where you live.

**You can help to make places to go in your area better by getting in touch with your council or MP.**

You can find out how to do this in our 'Going Places' campaigning leaflet.

**You can:**

Go to our website at  
**[www.edcm.org.uk/goingplaces](http://www.edcm.org.uk/goingplaces)**

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