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Heritage Project for people with Learning Disabilities.

Cambridge based Speaking Up is about to launch 10 films made by people with learning disabilities about their heritage and about Cambridge Heritage sites.

One of Speaking Up’s projects Next Steps, which supports people with learning disabilities to become members of their community, gained funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to run a summer project. The project is in three parts:

The first part supports people with Learning Disabilities to find out more about their personal heritage and history. The second part looks at local Heritage sites in terms of accessibility for disabled people. The final part looks at getting support for people with learning disabilities to volunteer at local Heritage sites.

Interviews have been set up by the members of the project at a number of local Heritage sites including the Fitzwilliam Museum. There are 10 people in the group who have made DVDs on all the issues involved. These films are going to be shown at the Arts Cinema in September and they will be used to educate other local organisations.

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About Speaking Up

Speaking Up is a young, dynamic advocacy charity who started in 1994 driven by a powerful vision of an improved society for all. In the next 3 to 5 years, we aim to become the UK’s largest and best charity provider of advocacy services for people who experience learning difficulties, mental ill health and other disabilities. This is our mission:

VOICE
We enable people who experience learning difficulties, mental ill health or other disabilities to find their voice and shape their own lives.

ACTION
We create positive choices for disabled people, by helping organisations to understand their needs and representing their views or supporting them to speak up for themselves.

CHANGE
We lead society towards recognising disabled people as equal and valued citizens with the same choices and opportunities as everyone else.

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