

About the campaign

This campaign for improvements to the national bus passes is led by disabled people and their families. It is supported by Sense and a number of other charities.

In early 2008, Jane, who has a deafblind son, Roger, contacted Sense about the national bus passes. Roger used to have a local bus pass that gave him and his companion free local travel. With the introduction of the national bus passes, his local authority withdrew their local scheme. This means that Roger now has to pay his companion's fare. Jane wanted to fight to get free travel for companions included in the national concession.

At around the same time, a deafblind woman, Lucy, contacted Sense to tell us about a local campaign victory. Her local authority had withdrawn companion passes and free peak-time travel. Local disabled people joined forces and persuaded the local authority to continue to provide these local concessions. Lucy was delighted about the local victory and wanted to fight for these concessions to be national.

Sense quickly found that many disabled people were affected by the same kinds of issues. So, Sense's campaigns team set to work to support Jane, Lucy and others to campaign for changes to national bus passes. Sense is providing information, advice and support to the campaign. Disabled people and their families make the decisions and take action.

Sense campaigns and supports children and adults who are deafblind. All disabled people are encouraged to get involved with this campaign.

Please take part!

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