

## Equalities Peer Challenge



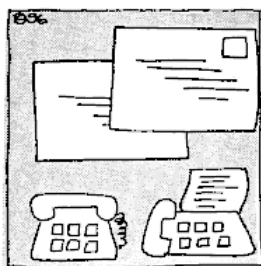
City of York Council are being assessed on Wednesday 21st January 2015 by the Local Government Association on equality peer challenge, they are at the moment at achieving level and they want to be an excellent council in equalities.



Last Wednesday we went to a meeting to talk about how the council work with groups about equalities. To prepare for this meeting we were sent 11 documents each 8 pages long full of Jargon, statistics and abbreviations.



This information was not even in plain English let alone having an easy read version. One of our volunteers with a learning difficulty went and was told they didn't really need to know what this information says, we think this awful and we think people with a learning difficulty are once again being excluded from being a citizen of York!



The government said in their Easy Read Equality Act 2010 that councils must make reasonable adjustments for people with a learning difficulty and give them information they require in Easy Read, we haven't been given this, we were told, due to a timing issue, but time and time again we are sent letters we don't understand, we have phone calls that we don't understand, we want to be equal citizens!