

CENMAC Changemakers Collective

We Belong in Education

Our Response to the SEND Reforms White Paper May 2026

We have compiled the notes below based on our response to the SEND Reforms White Paper. Our ideas were illustrated by Dr Pen Mendonca in the graphic.

Our Ideas

You gave us lots of questions to answer but we have a question for you. Will you support and fund the movement to make schools, colleges and universities safe and welcoming for all of us?

Treat us like Individuals

Stop lumping us together, underestimating us, get to know us!

Help us have Agency

Don't just listen to us, help us to have great futures!

Relatable Staff

We want disabled teachers and leaders.

We want staff from all our cultures.

Trained Staff

We want trained staff.

Involve us in training for teachers & leaders.

We need Teaching Assistants in every class.

We want role models who have disabilities.

Enough staff

We want enough staff.

There should be funding for our staff even if we don't have an EHCP.

Sort out our technology

All staff should be trained and confident with technology.

They treat me badly because they think it is unfair that I get extra help.

Mental Health

Value our mental health.

Give us time, space and opportunities to make friends.

How can we feel ok if other children and teachers mock us?

Education

Teach Children & Young people about disability rights, history and support.

Make it fun.

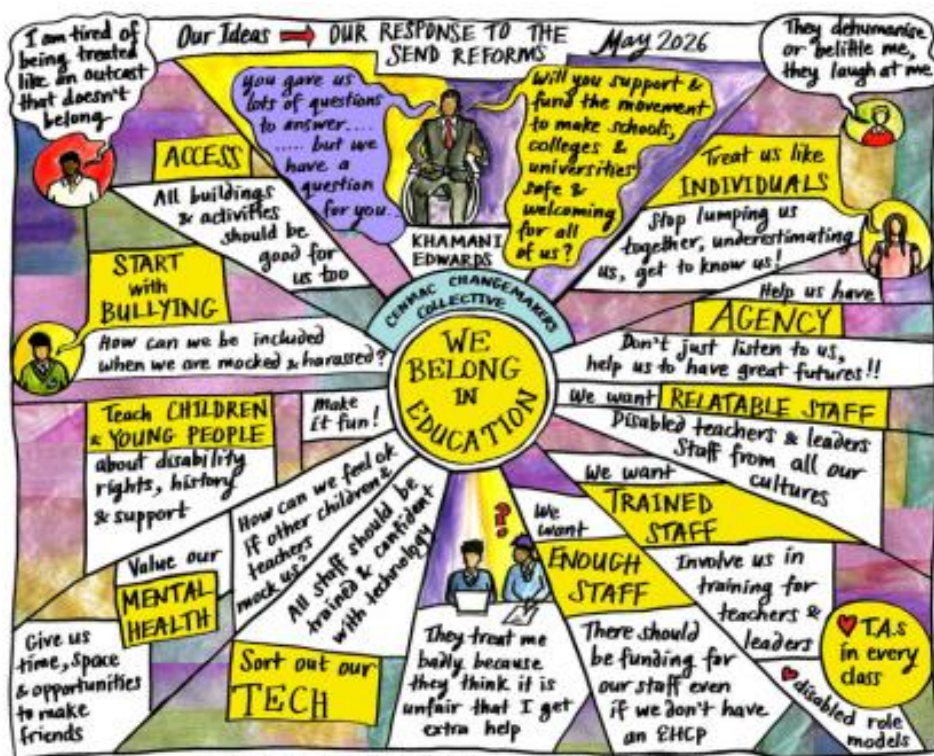
Start with Bullying

How can we be including when we are mocked and harassed?

I'm tired of being treated like an outcast that doesn't belong.

Access

All buildings and activities should be good for us too.



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