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Ellen Clifford

Today is a very, very sad and tragic day and I think some of us are starting to cry up the front here, because this has been a long campaign and it has been so important to so many people because it means so much, but this isn't the end and I think what last Wednesday showed is that disabled people are strong when we unite with our allies, we fight back and we give them hell.

00.20

Save the ILF!

00.32

John Kelly

Whoa boy, Whoa.

I come in peace with my horse to save the ILF. We are fighting for independent living for disabled people in the UK in 2015. Can you believe that?

No.

We have had enough. The Independent Living Fund closes tomorrow and we are not going away. We are going to fight on.

1.05

The ILF has given me freedom. It has given me independence, to live my life the way I choose without being reliant on friends or family. Without being stuck to a regimented regime of getting up in the morning when it suits other people, to go to bed at 9 o'clock, I was 22 and I had to go to bed at nine o'clock, can you imagine. I was told when I could go to the toilet, once a day at one o'clock, if I wasn't there on time then tough, I'd have to wait until a later call that evening. It's just, not just me, it's thousands of people out there who are subjected to this.

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Paula Peters

This is from Leanne. Hi all, I wish I could be with you all today but unfortunately, I can't but please know that I am with you all in spirit, this is not the end, it is just the beginning.

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2.07

Andy Greene

There used to be a time when governments, particularly when the ILF came in when they were able to at least talk about independent living with a straight face and now when they do it's very much with a forked tongue. When the ILF closes today, it is more than just the closure of a fund. I think it signifies very much the end of an idea and that idea was that society was very much prepared to meet its responsibilities to make sure that equality of opportunity was something more than words. And we took tangible steps like the Independent Living Fund which got people real lives beyond looking out the window and watching the world pass them by.