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On disability and development projects



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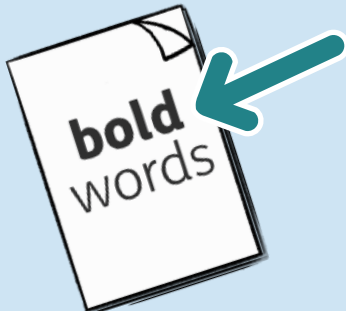


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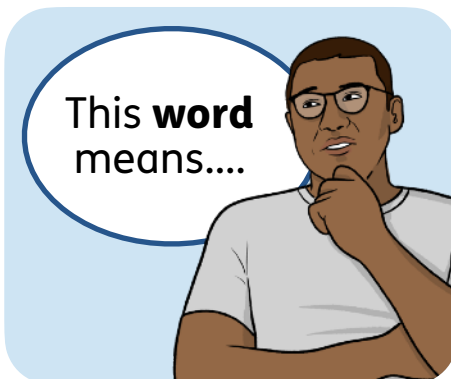
It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

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About this booklet



This booklet is from Inclusive Futures. We are a group of partners working to make the world fairer for people with disabilities.



It is an Easy Read copy of a report shared on the **IDS Bulletin**.



The **IDS Bulletin** is like an online blog. It shares reports and essays about **development**.



Development means making something better or improving how it works.

About this IDS Bulletin

This IDS Bulletin includes information about:



- The issues people with disabilities deal with.

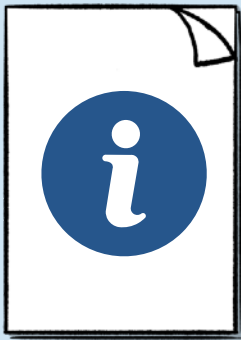


- What people and organisations can do to make life better for people with disabilities.



- How to make sure people with disabilities are included in development projects.

Using evidence



Evidence is information that can be used to prove something.

This Bulletin includes evidence from:



- The **Disability Inclusive Development programme**, which is a project working to improve the lives of people with disabilities in poorer countries.



- Documents written by people who know a lot about development.

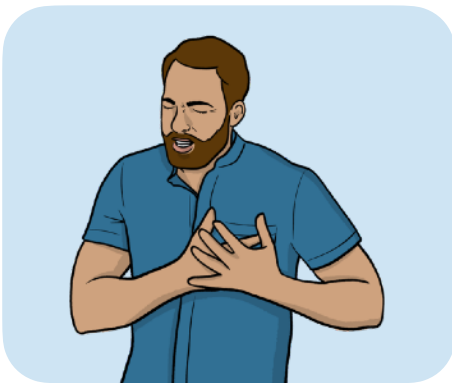
The issues people with disabilities deal with

Many people with disabilities deal with issues like:



- **Poverty.**

Poverty means not having enough money to buy the basic things you need to live.



- **Poor health and dying younger than people without disabilities.**



- **Not being able to go to school or college.**

Many people with disabilities also deal with issues like:



- Not keeping a job. Or finding a job that pays fairly.



- Not being able to use public transport, like buses and trains.



- Being treated unfairly or unkindly because of their disability.

This is called **discrimination**.

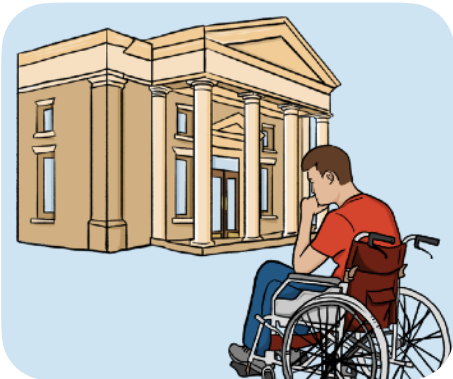
Barriers



Barriers are things that stop us from being able to do something.

The world around us has lots of barriers that make life harder for people with disabilities.

Barriers can be:



- **Physical** - this is where people with disabilities cannot easily use things like buildings and public transport.

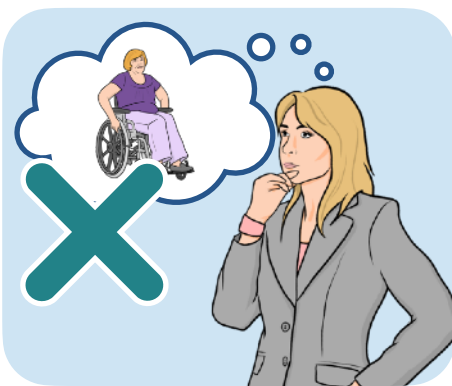


- **Social** - this is when people think badly of or unfairly about people with disabilities.



Barriers also include information not being written or shared in a way that people with disabilities can understand.

Development projects



In the past, people with disabilities have not been included or thought about in development projects.



This means people with disabilities are often left behind.



Not enough has been done to understand what helps people with disabilities be included in development projects.

How to make life better for people with disabilities

People, organisations and governments can make life better for people with disabilities by:



- Including people with disabilities when planning development projects.



- Working well with Organisations led by Persons with Disabilities.



- Working to remove all barriers that make life harder for people with disabilities.

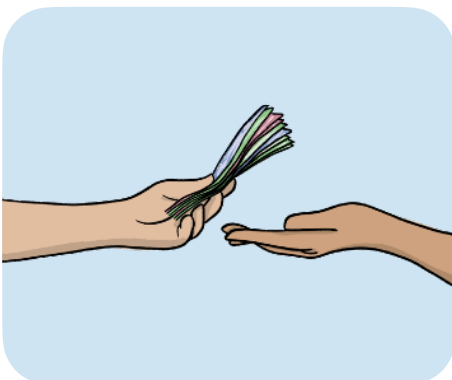
People, organisations and governments can make life better for people with disabilities by also:



- Starting new projects that help to stop discrimination from happening.



- Finding out what helps people with disabilities be included in the world around us.



- Giving money and support to projects which include people with disabilities.

People, organisations and governments can make life better for people with disabilities by also:



- Working together to make sure people with disabilities have their **rights** protected.

Rights are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe.



- Including people with disabilities in **research**.

Research means finding out new things or learning more about something.

People with disabilities and development

Evidence from the **Disability Inclusive Development programme** and other documents says:



- Measuring how many people with disabilities are included in development projects is important.



- Development projects must change the way they work to meet different needs.



- Big changes are needed in organisations, not just small changes in local areas.

Evidence also says:



- Discrimination is a big barrier that stops people with disabilities from being included in development projects.



- People with more support needs are often the most left out.



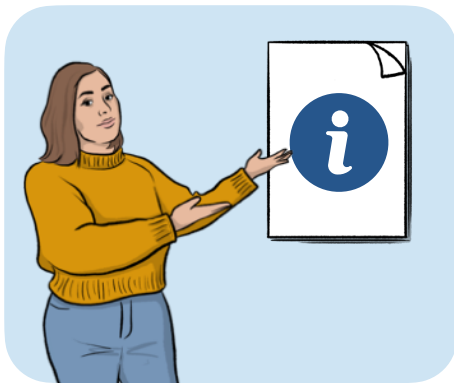
- People with disabilities must be able to use public transport so that they can travel to services and jobs.

Evidence also says:



- It is important to work with Organisations led by People with Disabilities.

This is because they bring the voices of people with disabilities to development projects.



- The way people with disabilities are included in development projects should be backed by good evidence.



- **Safeguarding systems** must think about and include people with disabilities.

Safeguarding systems are the organisations and people who work to keep people safe.

Next steps

To make life better for people with disabilities in the future:



- Organisations must carry on finding out what works well when including people with disabilities in development projects.



- Development projects must be designed to include people with disabilities from the start.



- Organisations led by People with Disabilities must be supported to get involved in development projects.

To make life better for people with disabilities in the future:



- Researchers, governments, and people with disabilities must carry on working together.



- Organisations and governments must turn good research and good evidence into action.



- Organisations should use guidelines like **Listen, Include, Respect**, to know what they need to do to make sure people with disabilities are included in their work.



You can read the Listen, Include, Respect online here:

www.listenincluderespect.com/about-listen-include-respect

Find out more



You can find the IDS Bulletin here:

[www.opendocs.ids.ac.uk/
Volume_57_Issue_1_Building_Disability-Inclusive_Futures](http://www.opendocs.ids.ac.uk/Volume_57_Issue_1_Building_Disability-Inclusive_Futures)



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