

Disability Matters – a very big Research project





Disability Matters is a very big research project happening in different parts of the world. It is funded by the Wellcome Trust.



This research will change health research for the better and ask what matters most to disabled people.



The project will help more disabled people to lead research.



It will also help to remind everyone that disability is everywhere in health and science research.



We want to make a new group
of disability researchers across
Australia, Canada, India,
Singapore and the UK.





Our research will:

- Include disabled people and be about them, with them and run by them
- Change the way disabled people work in health research
- Make research friendly





Our research will:

Help disabled people to become researchers

Help a lot more disabled people get grants to do research

This will make plans and research for disabled people better.



Lots of researchers will make this happen, they are from:

- Sheffield
- Toronto
- Delhi
- Sydney
- Singapore





These universities will work with disabled people's organisations, so that research is led by disabled people.



Some Disabled People's Organisations, from the five countries involved, sit on the International Research Advisory Board. This will help this research.



These organisations are:

- Disability Rights UK
- Disabled People's Association Singapore
- Action for Ability Development and Inclusion India
- Council of Canadians with Disabilities
- Women with Disabilities Australia



We will also work with
the National Association of
Disabled Staff Network.

There will be 7 parts to this research, these are:



- learning about disability and health from writers and researchers
- finding out what is important to disabled people about their health
- finding the best methods to do research with disabled people





There will be 7 parts to this research, these are:

- making universities better places to do research with disabled people
- supporting disabled researchers and researchers who work on disability
- using disability to make research more equal for everyone





Each part will answer one
of these research
questions...



Question 1:

How is health research
changed by learning together
with disabled people?



Question 2:



What are the health needs of disabled people in the different countries involved in this work?





Question 3:

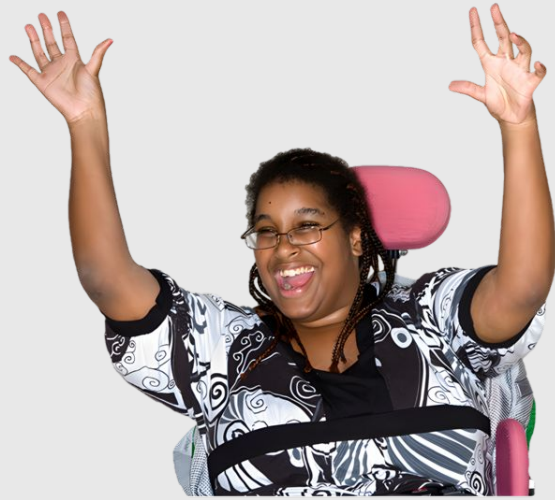
How can we do research in a way that supports disabled people and their health needs?





Question 4:

Why do we need disabled people to make health research more inclusive?



Question 5:

In what new and exciting ways
can we include disabled people
in health research?





Question 6:

How do we get more disabled people to become health researchers?





Question 7:

What exciting changes can be made in learning to make research more equal for everyone?





Our work

We will work with disabled people to make decisions together, listen to and learn from each other to help make sure the things we do are fair for everyone involved.



During the 7 parts of the project, we will do lots of different things to engage with disabled researchers.



This is what we will do:

- storytelling
- surveys
- interviews
- online discussions
- making online guides
- making online courses





We will put all our research on our website, write articles and go to conferences to tell people about this work.





You will be able to find these on our website:

[Disability Matters Scholarship Collection](#)

[Disability Dialogues](#)



We will make a series of films with Joanna Tobbell, a filmmaker, to show good health research.

