



Myths & Facts

FACT: Just 1 in 3 people with a learning disability take part in some form of education or training.

MYTH: The lives of people with disabilities are totally different from those of non disabled people.

FACT: People with disabilities go to school, get married, work, have families, do laundry, grocery-shop, laugh, cry, pay taxes, get angry, have prejudices, vote, plan, and dream like everyone else.

FACT: Children with a learning disability are often socially excluded and 8 out of 10 children with a learning disability are bullied.

FACT: Disabled people remain significantly less likely to participate in cultural, leisure and sporting activities than non-disabled people.

MYTH: People with disabilities are more comfortable "with their own kind."

FACT: Years of grouping people with disabilities in separate schools and institutions has reinforced this misconception. Today more and more people are taking advantage of new opportunities to be part of society's mainstream.

MYTH: People with a disability are dependent on others?

FACT: People with a disability need help with some things, too often because of an inadequately designed environment

MYTH: Wheelchair users are not mobile

FACT: Wheelchair users do get out and about. Some usually wear wheelchairs, others only when necessary.

MYTH: Disability is a devastating personal tragedy?

FACT: The lives of disabled people are not tragic. What often disables people is the attitudes they encounter and the environment in which they live.