

The Medical Model of Disability

This is the traditional view which says:

- You are the problem.
- Your disability needs curing.
- You can't make decisions about your life.
- You need professionals to look after you.
- You can never be as equal as a non-disabled person.

The Social Model of Disability

Says:

- "Disability" is not an individual problem.
- We can't compete on equal terms because there are too many barriers.
- We need to recognise that "society" (through government and its agencies) has a duty to remove these barriers
- Disabled people have the same RIGHT to full equality as all other citizens.

The Medical Model

Cannot walk

Has a label

Is confined to a
wheelchair

Cannot see

Cannot see or
hear

Cannot
talk

Needs our
help

Is sick

Needs special
help

Is less
intelligent

The Social Model

- Building design
 - Parking spaces
 - isolation
 - Non inclusion
 - Negative media
- Disabling world*
- Transport
 - No Civil Rights
 - Education
 - Poor job prospects
 - Prejudiced attitude