



Disability Rights UK (DRUK) – News Roundup – June 2023

We work with our members to influence national policy on independent living, benefits,

education, employment, transport, human rights and other issues – shaping policy through direct experience and expertise.

We also work with our local individual and organisation members to empower and to influence local policy and services.

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Disabled families in temporary accommodation at an Enfield

Travelodge hotel are being forced to move again to accommodate

guests for a forthcoming Beyonce concert. [Read more on our website.](#)

Call On Government For More Financial Support To Disabled People

A parliamentary debate on Cost-of-Living payments for Disabled People recently took place, after over 40,000 people signed petitions set up by campaigners Rachel Curtis and Abigail Broomfield. [Learn more about how we've been supporting this campaigning on our website.](#)

'14 Million People Are Disabled In The UK - Are We Sure?'

Read our communication officer Anna Morell's piece on invisible disability and how many people keep their disability hidden because of discrimination, fears of being treated differently or abused. [The article is on the Daily Mirror website.](#)

DWP Confirms Issue Date Of Disability Cost Of Living Payment

The DWP has announced that more than 6 million Disabled people in the UK will receive a one-off lump sum payment of £150 from 20 June. [To find out more information, head over to our website news article.](#)

DR UK Speaks On Inclusive Education Panel

Last week, the Disability Policy Centre and Mile End Institute hosted a panel on inclusive education. Disability Rights UK education policy officer, Bethany Bale, presented on the panel - alongside policy makers and organisations. [Read more about the inclusive education event](#), and watch it in full, on our website.

Spotlight on... Disability Debrief - An International Perspective

Disability Debrief is a newsletter written by DR UK's friend Peter Fremlin, which provides a disability lens on world news. It gives an engaging and specialist way to keep in touch with policy developments and the experiences of disabled people around the world. [Read on this site of their most recent pieces on the links between disability rights and climate justice here](#) and [visit their blog page.](#)

Get Involved - Opportunities for Disabled People Communications survey

DR UK is interested in what you think of and how you use our communications. Do you read e-news and use our website? Do you follow us on social media? We want to make sure we're giving you the information you need, when you need it, in the most accessible

and engaging way. It would be great to get your feedback so we can tailor our communications to you! [This survey only takes two minutes, which you can fill in on this webpage.](#)

Disability Expo

The London Disability Expo runs at the ExCel Centre on 6-7 July this year. It's free to attend. [Sign up at this link.](#)

Listen to the JD Dragon Disability Rights Podcast!

Join show host Joshua Downey as he speaks about how people with disabilities around the world empower themselves and their communities, disability law and how disability can unite a diverse global community. [Find more episodes of the podcast on their website.](#)

Youth Voice Survey

Are you or someone you know aged 11-30 years old? Take part in the Youth Voice Census to amplify the voices of young people. It explores how study, work & employment issues affect young people in the UK. [You can find the survey on their website.](#)

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New Research Highlights Concern At DWP's Increasing Lapsing Of PIP Appeals

South West London Law Centre (SWLLC) has issued a new research report examining the increased lapsing of Personal Independence Payment appeals by the DWP and its negative effects. The increased use of lapsed appeals speaks of inherent failing at the first instant decision and Mandatory Reconsideration stages. [Read more on our website.](#)

Disabled Children Disproportionately Impacted By Cost-Of-Living Crisis

A new report released by the Childhood Trust has revealed the escalating poverty felt by Disabled children across the UK because of the cost-of-living crisis. [Read more on our website.](#)

Boost Confidence' Of Employers To Recruit Disabled People

New guidance stressing that employers are allowed to reserve jobs for Disabled people should help narrow the disability employment gap, say the Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) that asked for the legal advice to be published. [Read more](#)

DR UK comment on the Public Hearing of the Covid Inquiry

CEO Kamran Mallick said: "As the names of loved ones are read

out loud outside the Inquiry today, and as a fifth of the population believes that Covid was a hoax, it is imperative that we do not forget the huge losses of life that occurred. That we do not forget that every individual who lost their lives was precious, a loved one, and left behind so many grieving hearts." [Read more on our website.](#)

Government Calls for Evidence to Address Accessibility on Buses

The government are calling for evidence in an attempt to improve bus accessibility and address the gaps in understanding about how to best make buses as accessible as possible. [Find out more on our website.](#)

Spotlight on... Mitch, DR UK's Amazing Marathon Runner!

In this year's London Marathon, our fundraising star Mitch ran in aid of Disability Rights, completing the race in just over 4 hours. We are so inspired and grateful for this display of support, with Mitch even wanting to run next year... maybe even in costume! [Learn more about the race and fundraising for us on our news page,](#) and [you can still donate to Mitch's Just Giving page here!](#)

DR UK's Daily Mirror Column

To stay up to date with the latest Disability news, why not check out the Daily Mirror column written by Anna Morell, our Media and Communication Manager? This week, Anna looks at the [state of railway travel for Disabled people](#), with [last week's column covering the Covid Inquiry.](#) [Read more of the column on the Daily Mirror website.](#)

Get Involved - Opportunities for Disabled People

Listen to our Education Officer on The Disability Rights Podcast

Last week, our Education Officer Rundip Thind was a guest on the Disability Rights podcast, speaking about how she works to support Disabled students and ensure they get the accommodations and financial aid they need. [You can listen to the podcast to find out more about our work on this website.](#)

Disabled And Getting Active This Summer?

The We Are Undefeatable campaign are looking for new stories! They're looking for two new individuals to share their story of getting active with one or more health condition for the summer burst - it is a great opportunity to shine a light on the influencers

and supporters of people with long-term conditions getting active, like leisure facilities, clubs and groups. [To find out more about applying, visit their tweet thread on the topic!](#)

Take Part In The Inclusive Remote And Hybrid Working Study

This survey explores disabled people's experiences of remote working and/or hybrid working. By participating in this survey, you are helping to identify how employers can make remote and hybrid working more inclusive of disabled workers' needs. This is important to ensure Disabled people are not left behind as the world of work continues to evolve. [You can participate in this survey on their website.](#)

Podcast Episode with Paralympian

Listen to Paralympic Athlete Steve Brown on the Stories of Men: Beneath the Surface podcast, where he talks about his spinal cord injury and disability awareness. [Find the podcast on their website.](#)

Exciting Adventure Series Needs Dads and Kids

Channel 4 are looking for dads and their kids to go on a jungle adventure - are you a Disabled parent or have a Disabled child? Take part in this once in a lifetime adventure and increase the diversity of Disabled portrayals on screen whilst doing so! Email kingsofthejungle@twentytwenty.tv for more information on how to apply.

Turning Your Passion Into A Career – Let's Get More Disabled People On TV!

Flabbergast TV are looking for amateur artisans and crafters, from potters, blacksmiths and woodworkers, to jewellers, upcyclists and artists who would like to be mentored through the practicalities and pitfalls of turning a hobby into a business for a TV series.

Whatever your passion and talent, if you want to turn it into a profession get in touch. For more information please email MIAM@flabbergast.tv or call David Campbell at 07395 810184.