



Disability Rights UK (DRUK) – News Roundup – July 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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The Government has announced that it will legislate to make airlines more accountable when dealing with Disabled passengers and to remove the cap on compensation for wheelchairs or mobility aids damaged on domestic UK flights. This is a huge step and great news for DR UK and Sophie Morgan's #RightsOnFlights campaign. [Read more on our website.](#)

Lewis Capaldi At Glastonbury Was A Moment Of Magic For Disabled People In Britain

Lewis Capaldi's awe-inspiring Glasto performance was a moment of hope for the Disabled community and shows the magic that happens when we truly connect, [writes DR UK's Anna Morell in the Daily Mirror.](#)

Shocking Report Into Inaccessibility For Disabled Magistrates

The Magistrates' Association has published a new report revealing the appalling inaccessibility of court buildings, and the everyday indignities and obstacles faced by disabled magistrates. [Read our response to the report and call for action on our website.](#)

Spotlight on... Disabled Campaigners Fighting For Accessible Tube Stations

Last week, campaigners from Inclusion London, Camden Disability Action and WinVisible, amongst others, were highlighting the injustice of Kentish Town tube station opening after a year, still with no step-free access. [Learn more about their inspirational campaigning from this news article](#) and [sign the petition!](#)

DPOs Demand The Department Of Health And Social Care Use The Social Model Of Disability Lens Within Its Major Condition Strategy

In our joint response, we have recommended more support for Disabled people to be active, investment in social care and a less punitive benefits system. [Read the full response on our news page.](#) We have many more policy updates and news from the last fortnight, [just head over to our News Page to keep reading.](#)

Get Involved - Opportunities for Disabled People Consultancy Opportunity for DPOs

Disability Rights UK are looking to contract several consultants with experience working in the DPO sector to produce resources for our DPO Support Hub, to help create a centralised body of resources and work to aid DPOs in their vital organising in support of Disabled people and our rights.

[If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please find out more information on our website and get in contact with us!](#)

Disabled Consumers - We'd Like To Hear From You!

We want to make sure your voices and experiences are heard to tackle consumer harms. [Find out more and get in contact on our website.](#)

Job Vacancies at Spinal Cord

Spinal Cord, the national charity helping to build a fulfilled life for everyone affected by spinal cord injury, are looking for a campaigns manager and operations manager. [Learn more about the roles and visit their website to apply.](#)

Are you a Disabled Person who hasn't been provided with a Personal Evacuation Emergency Plan (PEEP)?

A PEEP is a plan for a person who may need assistance, for instance, a person with impaired mobility, to evacuate a building or reach a place of safety in the event of an emergency. We are encouraging any Disabled person who has been left without one to submit a formal complaint to their housing organisation, so you are protected and there is more attention drawn to the necessity of providing PEEPs. [Find out more information on HSE's website.](#)

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Join The Campaign To Stop Ticket Office Closures!

The Department for Transport is planning to close up to 1000 ticket offices, disproportionately locking Disabled people out of the rail network. We know just how vital ticket offices are to our travel experience, and [have written about the impact closures will have on Disabled people.](#) To resist this, take part in Transport For All's campaign to get as many objections to the closures in the public consultation. [Find out more on their website.](#)

As the campaign carries on, it has grown in momentum. [Read our latest article about the opposition to closures](#), and [our piece explaining just how harmful this proposal could be for Disabled people.](#)

Housing Must Be Accessible, Safe And Affordable - Without Compromise.

Disabled people face challenges from all directions – a threat to the very roofs over our heads is one we should never have to deal with. [Read DR UK's Anna Morrel's column on the Mirror's website.](#)

Systemic Racism Worsened COVID Health Outcomes For Disabled People of Colour

A report from the Commission on COVID-19, Ableism and Racism published last week shows the major failings that occurred in how the government communicated with disabled people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups during the pandemic. [Read their report and recommendations on our website.](#)

Head over to our [News page](#) to read more of our policy updates and stories. More news stories from the past week:

[Court Overturns Unlawful Ruling of National Disability Strategy](#)

[Majority of people using foodbanks are Disabled or have a Disabled family member](#)

[New Age UK report finds 1.6 million older people have unmet needs](#)

Get Involved - Opportunities for Disabled People

DPO Co-Production Opportunity: Research on Intersectionality and Physical Activity Inequity

DR UK and Durham University are working together on research exploring how multiple systems of oppression (e.g., disablism, racism, heterosexism etc.) combine and interact to further exacerbate physical activity inequalities experienced by disabled people. This is a compensated co-production opportunity for DPOs - interested? [Find out more on our webpage.](#)

Book Corner: See Me Rolling

Looking for book recommendations? One on our radar this month is See Me Rolling by Lottie Jackson. It is partly a memoir, but also an essay collection that tackles the stigma surrounding disability. Using her first-hand experiences, Lottie sets out to communicate both the injustices and untold joys of disability - asking, can we redefine our philosophy of beauty, freedom, identity, education, productivity, love and desire in a culture that demands physical perfection? [Find out more information on Penguin's website.](#)

What's Your Story?

Have you got personal experience that you want to share, see change for and amplify to a wider audience? If so, Small Voice Projects' new Your Stories Portal could be just what you are looking for. Small Voice Projects is a new user-led, online platform that seeks to promote the authentic experience of Disabled people, by Disabled people, in order to change the narrative and ultimately perceptions on the reality of disability and a life being lived.

[Visit SVP's What's Your Story? page](#) to find out how you can upload personal stories in the form of blogs, videos and photos and see them on YourStoriesPortal.

BBC News Are Looking For Disabled Voices

BBC News is looking to speak to disabled individuals who are facing deductions to their Universal Credit as a result of previously being overpaid in tax credits. The coverage into this issue, and the financial difficulty it can cause, is set to go out in August. If you have been affected by this and may consider taking part in the BBC's coverage to raise awareness of this subject, please email journalist Adam Eley at adam.eley@bbc.co.uk.

Making TV More Accessible

Take part in the consultation to make sure Ofcom's Access Services Code are as up to date and accessible as possible. [Find out more on Ofcom's website.](#)