

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT - WHAT NEXT?

It's positive it has put **disability on the agenda**

STILL TO ACHIEVE – **Better housing** for disabled people that would enable them to **move** from one area of the country to another like any other non-disabled person.

Sam

The **law** needs to be given teeth. Discrimination needs to become an act against the state not the person.

What has changed, is society now thinks we deserves equality, it just doesn't really get what that means. Or that despite having an Equality law **we don't really have equality.**

Mik

I believe that it has given us **greater visibility** in life but I would like it to see greater support to help people with disabilities get into **work** and give the act power to be educational and **stop abuse** of disabled people.

Jack

I think travelling by train has got easier for me, when I was 16 and travelling from Coventry to Plymouth I used to have to travel in the guards van, whereas now I can ring up First Great Western and **book a space** and have the use of a ramp and assistance. I now sit in a designated area with other commuters. However, this doesn't always work due to overcrowding.

I would say it's got easier but there is still a long way to go as a lot of **disabled people still struggle** with using the train.

Travelling abroad by **plane** is a lot more difficult because you have to be **manhandled** onto the plane, which until I got my aircraft sling, was really **degrading.**

I know there have been **small steps** taken to look at how aircraft travel can be made easier for people that have a disability, especially people that use a wheelchair and can't transfer.

Matt

