

What is The Social Model of Disability?

In the Social Model of Disability, **your impairment or long-term condition**, for example:



- Being Deaf or hard of hearing



- Being blind or partially sighted



- Having learning difficulties



- Having mental ill health or hidden disabilities



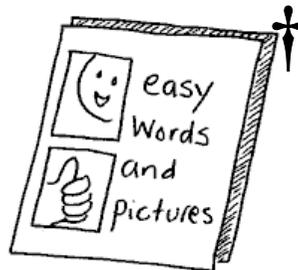
- Being unable to walk, or having difficulty in walking

is **not** seen as the reason that you cannot fully take part in society, or take advantage of the opportunities that are available to people who do not have impairments or who are not disabled.

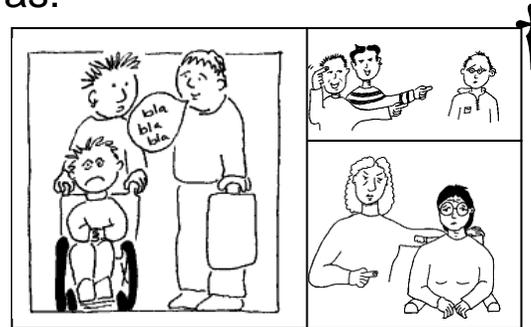
In the Social Model of Disability, **barriers**, such as:



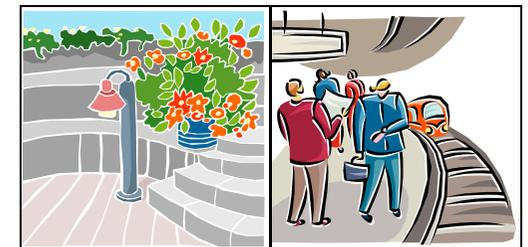
- Lack of sign language or induction loop facilities



- Lack of information in alternative formats



- Negative attitudes from other people



- Steps instead of ramps and an inaccessible transport system

are seen as the reasons that you cannot fully take part in society, or take advantage of the same opportunities available to people who do not have impairments or who are not disabled. Social and environmental **barriers** are **disabling** and lead to **exclusion**. It says that we should organise society so that we are all equal, whether or not we have an impairment or long-term condition.