

Information about the project

This project is about disabled people and the environment.

Would you like to take part in this project?

Before you decide it is important that you understand why I am doing this project.

It is important that you understand what taking part might involve for you.



Please read this booklet carefully. You can talk to other people about it if you would like to.

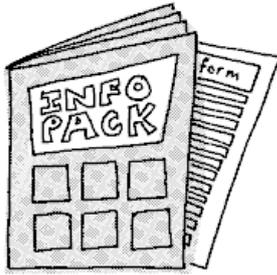


Please ask someone if there is anything you don't understand. Please tell me if I have not explained something properly.

After you have finished, you can decide if you want to take part.

Thank you for thinking about taking part in my project!

What is in this booklet



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What is the project about?

I want to find out what disabled people think about being environmentally friendly.

Environmentally friendly means doing things like:



Recycling



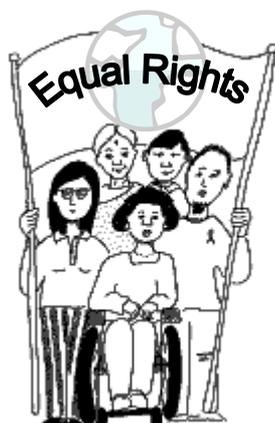
Caring for the earth



Thinking about how much energy you use

I am doing this project because I am a **research** student at the University of Leeds. **Research** means finding out about things and why they happen.

I want to find out if disabled people are being left out when it comes to the environment.



I think that disabled people have an equal right to take part in being environmentally friendly if they want to.

I hope this project will show where disabled people need more access. I also hope it will show where disabled people are already being included.

Why do you want me to take part?



I am trying to find out what disabled people think about the environment and being environmentally friendly. The only people who know are disabled people themselves.



I need to speak to people who think the environment is important. I also need to speak to people who think it is not important.

Do I have to take part?



This is up to you. If you would like to take part I will ask you to sign a sheet that checks you understand about taking part. If you change your mind you can stop taking part at any time. You don't have to tell me why if you don't want to.

What will happen to me if I take part?

There are two ways you can take part.



1) You can talk to me about what you think and what experiences you have had. This would take about 30 minutes.

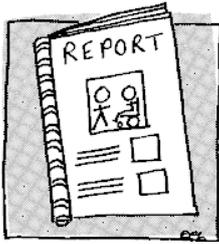


2) You can take part in a group discussion about what you think.

What do you want to ask me?



I will ask you about different ways of being environmentally friendly. I would like to know what you think about them and if you have ever tried to do any of them.



Afterwards I will send you a copy of what we said. If you want to add or change anything you will be able to.

If it will cost you anything (e.g. bus fare) to meet me, let me know first. Then I can check that I can pay you back.

Will I be recorded?



I will bring a **digital voice recorder** to use to record our meeting. Recording our meeting means I won't be distracted by trying to remember what you said!

Digital Voice Recorder

I will only use the recording to help me to write up what we talked about. No one else will listen to it.



I will keep the recording stored using a password on a computer at the university.

Only I will be able to listen to it because only I have the password for the file. It will be deleted at the end of my project.

Will taking part be good or bad for me?

Taking part will take up some of your time, and I can't pay you for it. I will tell environmental groups what I have found out. This may help them make things easier for disabled people to get involved.

Will you tell people what I say?



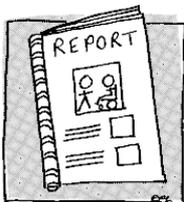
If you choose to take part in an interview, only I will know what you say.

If you take part in a group discussion, everyone in the group will hear what everyone else shares. This means everyone will need to agree to keep the discussion private.

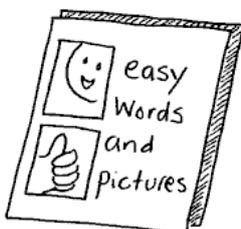
When I write about what was said, I will not use your real name or anything else personal about you.

What will you do with what you find out?

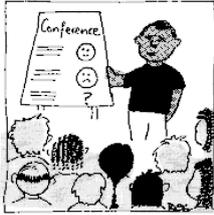
I will do three things with what I find out:



1) I will write a report for the university. They will look at this and give me a grade for my work.



2) I will write an easy read summary of what I find out and send it to you. You can also see the full report if you want to.



3) I will try and let other people who might be interested know what I find out.

Contact information



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Thank you for thinking about taking part in my project!