

attitudes to disability

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When it comes to inclusive volunteering, attitudes can be just as important as practical considerations.

Negative attitudes to disabled people usually stem from a lack of knowledge. People are afraid of things they do not understand.

Disability awareness and equality training

Disability awareness and equality training for volunteer managers and staff that work with volunteers is key to successfully involving young disabled people. This training should be delivered by disabled trainers.

The Disability Rights Commission* publishes the 'Good Practice Training Directory' with details of disability awareness training providers.

In addition, the Disability Resources Centre at the University of Cambridge* maintains a database of disability equality trainers. Scope* can also provide Disability Equality training.

Training on working with people with specific impairments can also be beneficial. Visual awareness training is offered by the RNIB*. For guidance on accessing deaf awareness training, contact RNID*.

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