

# Scope for Change

## Disabled young people leading the way

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# Session structure

1. Social Model of Disability
2. Scope for Change programme
3. Our campaigners
4. Themes
5. Questions



# **Social Model of Disability**

# Social Model of Disability

People are disabled by barriers in society, not by their impairment or difference.

Barriers can be physical, like buildings not having accessible toilets.

Or they can be caused by people's attitudes to difference, like assuming disabled people can't do certain things.

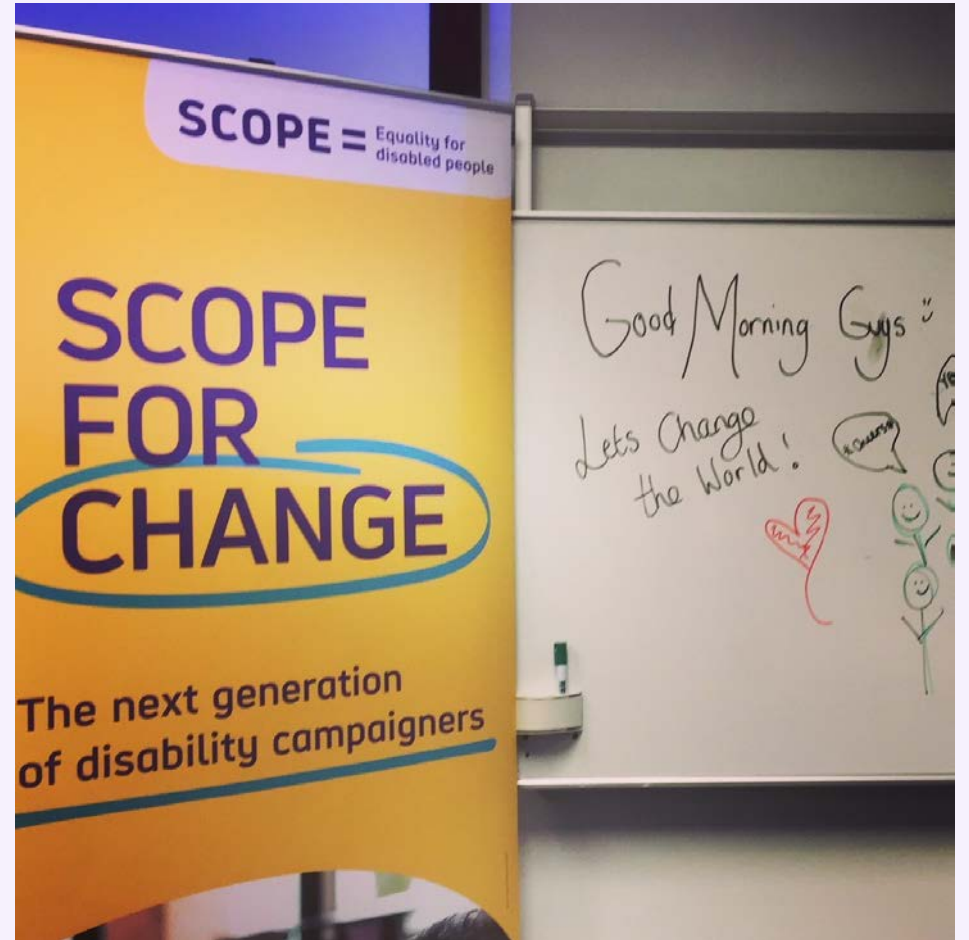


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# The programme

- 18-25 year olds
- Selective
- 3 day residential training event
- 6 months of tailored support
- Webinars
- 1-1 catch ups
- Continued engagement with Scope post-programme



# Why Scope for Change?

- Supporting the next generation of disability activists
- Bringing disability into the new social change landscape – disability is often the ‘Cinderella’ of equality issues
- Making change where it’s needed and youth issues
- Recognising that young disabled people’s experiences make them the experts on their campaigns

# 2018-2019 Campaigners



- Across England and Wales
- Mix of ages from across the 18-25 range
- Variety of levels of education, employment and backgrounds
- Mixed impairments

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# Emily

19 years old, lives in Selby, Yorkshire

Had to leave mainstream school

Couldn't get a suitable college placement, one year with no education and was placed into unsuitable Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

Advocating more support for disabled pupils to stay in mainstream education

Gained support from her local MP

Worked with local media

Hundreds of signatories to her petition

Created video from user generated content

Invited to Westminster to meet Minister for Schools



# Claudia

- 23 year old, student at Queen Marys, Twickenham
- Keen volunteer at major sports venues and events e.g. Lord's Cricket Ground
- Treated badly by some volunteer managers when she began using a wheelchair
- Found she had less legal protections against discrimination as a volunteer
- Working to change attitudes, promote awareness of the issue
- Supporting next generation of disabled students



YOU CAN'T VOLUNTEER  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
IN A WHEELCHAIR

#EqualityForVolunteers

# Alfie

- 19 years old, lives in York
- Spent years as a patient at the child development center in York Hospital
- No changing places toilet, one-person accessible toilet
- Set up a walk-through with wheelchairs for senior hospital staff
- Trust have audited multiple sites
- Introduced new signage and a new programme of works
- Founding of new focus group with local disabled peoples organisations



# And the rest...

**Sam Fowkes** Reducing the number of disabled pupils excluded from schools in Sandwell and Dudley

**Freya Matthews** Changing attitudes to people with invisible disabilities

**Raisa Hassan** Promoting the use of positive language around disability in families

**Sophie Thomas and Chloe Morgan**  
Making it a legal requirement for all schools to be accessible

**Amy Walker** Increasing the employment of autistic, neurodiverse and disabled people

**Tasha Krywald** Campaigning to get disability education into schools

**Samantha Thomas** Improve the way GPs treat over and under-weight patients



# The big themes

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## Raised by our campaigners

- Education and educational support
- Exclusions and Alternative Provision
- Accessibility
- Parity of access to volunteering and early work opportunities
- Attitudes
- Transitions and self-advocacy in health and social care

## Other themes

- Family resilience
- Financial security
- Vulnerability – crime and abuse
- Shortfall in disabled children's services, including audiology, speech and language therapy, specialist equipment



# Thank you

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