

Disability Rights, Enabling Design and Dementia

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Reframing Dementia as a disAbility



Dementia is a major cause of disability and dependency among older people worldwide.

World Health Organisation, 2019, Dementia Factsheets, <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/dementia>

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Human and Legal Rights

- Even though people with dementia still retain the same rights as anyone else in society, including human rights and disability rights, **there has been little change in the realisation of these rights;**
- **No longer can we pick and choose what rights we wish to uphold, or only focus on e.g. rights to dignity or health, which when interpreted do not disrupt the current medicalised approach to dementia;**
- **Disability Rights Matter to everyone.**

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The built environment and disability

- The environment's influence in creating disability or in increasing it has been well established;
- It is seen as integral to the definition of disability;
- When the built environment changes, then the experience of someone living with a disability will also change.

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Thank you



We must all work towards ensuring the built environment for people with dementia is accessible.

We don't need more reports or more rhetoric.

We need ACTION! Now!

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