

Disability Pride 2022 – Additional Information

Social Model:

- The Social Model was first used in a publication by an organisation of disabled people in the US in 1976 and was championed for many years by Mike Oliver (1945-2019) who became the UK's first Professor of Disability Studies.

www.theguardian.com/society/2019/mar/19/mike-oliver-obituary

- This article is from an online magazine produced and written by disabled people:

www.disabilityhorizons.com/2019/05/social-model-of-disability-who-what-and-why/

- These next articles are written by Tom Shakespeare who has spent much of his academic career researching and writing about disability. This website is somewhere he writes regular blogs and thoughts, as well as links to his academic studies, books, and international work.

- This first article is an explanation of how The Social Model empowers people whereas the older Medical Model of disability used to view disabled people as people to be pitied and nursed as if they had no life to live.

www.farmerofthoughts.co.uk/article/this-long-disease-my-life/

- This second link takes you to a few of his writings about disability. If you are interested in reading more about disability, Tom's writings are accessible and thought-provoking reads, with links available to his published academic work & books if you wish to read something more in depth on the subject.

www.farmerofthoughts.co.uk/topic/disability/

Disability Pride:

- The Disability Pride event in Boston (1990) may have been the first organized celebration of the achievement of rights, but it was not the first-time disabled people organized to make themselves heard and to stand up for a change in the law that would make a big difference to their lives.
- In 1970, having just become the first disabled teacher in New York after fighting back against an initial rejection due to her disability, Judy Heumann began a group call Disabled Action aimed at protecting the civil rights of disabled people.

- They went on to campaign for the passing of the Rehabilitation Act, which was due to go through the Congress, in particular clause 504 which would ensure that disability discrimination would be illegal in any organisation which received federal funding.
- You can find out more about Barbara's incredible fight alongside many others in the documentary 'Crip Camp' which is available on Netflix in the UK and I hope also in the US and other countries too.

www.netflix.com/gb/title/81001496

- You can also find out more by reading her autobiography, Being Heumann by Judy Heumann, which is also available as an ebook & audiobook.

www.judithheumann.com/being-heumann/

- For more information about how the disabled community organised and campaigned for their rights to be treated equally, in the UK you can watch the BBC Drama 'Then Barbara Met Alan' which is currently available on BBC iPlayer and may be available via other outlets in other countries. It was made in close consultation with Barbara Lisicki herself, who also appears in the film briefly, to ensure they were producing a factual drama that was as close to reality as possible whilst recognising the compromises necessary in dramatisation. However, the events that happen in the drama, the song that becomes their anthem and most of what was said when it was in relation to the fight for their rights is all true to life.

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0015p4q

- You can also watch a short interview with Barbara about the drama here:

www.youtu.be/OeZOIA52Ssc

- For an example of someone sharing the reality of live as a disabled person, i.e. we have exactly the same life goals as non-disabled people, being shared with a wider audience, take 5 minutes to watch this clip featuring Nina Tame talking on Steph's Packed Lunch:

www.instagram.com/p/CgPJ1-MLMbs/