

Disablism in volunteering: your experience

1. Have you ever volunteered? no yes

2. If no, what do you think about volunteering? (tick all that apply)

- I have not thought about it
- volunteering is not for me
- volunteering is not for disabled people
- I would like to volunteer but need more information
- I have tried to volunteer but not been able to
- other Please go to question 8.
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3. If yes, are you currently volunteering? yes no

4. What type of organisation do/did you volunteer with?

E.g. disability rights, environmental:

5. Is the project you volunteer(ed) with:

- for anyone just for disabled people
- for people with a specific impairment
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6. Please rate the accessibility of your volunteering experience, from 1 to 5:

1 = excellent, 2 = good, 3 = OK, 4 = inadequate, 5 = bad

- physical access:
- accessible materials and procedures (e.g. application forms):
- attitudes of staff/volunteers:
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7. Are reasonable adjustments provided (e.g. taxis fares, equipment):

- yes yes but I had to persuade them I provided my own
- adjustments not provided adjustments not needed
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8. Have you ever been discouraged from volunteering, or treated less favourably as a volunteer because of your impairment?

- yes no

If yes, do you know why? (e.g. physical access, attitudes)

9. What is your current employment status?

- unemployed part-time work full-time work
- retired training/education other

10. Is volunteering useful for gaining employment? yes no

11. Do you have any concerns about the link between volunteering and employment?
 yes no

12. What would encourage more disabled people to volunteer? (tick all that apply).

- more press coverage of disabled volunteers
- payment of all impairment-related expenses
- more training for organisations
- more government support for disabled volunteers
- improving physical accessibility of opportunities
- other

The Access to Work Scheme is a Government-funded programme that pays a grant, towards any extra employment costs that directly result from a person's impairment.

13. If the Access to Work scheme was extended to include unpaid volunteer work would this make any difference to you?

yes no

14. Any other issues you would like to raise?

15. Are you: male female

16. Ethnic status: white black Asian mixed race
 other?

17. Disability type: physically impaired chronically ill
 learning difficulty mental health problem
 other

18. Age:

Please write your name and contact details here to enter the prize draw: (we will not keep your details for any other purposes)

Name:

Contact details:

Are you happy to be contacted to discuss your answers further? yes no

Thank you for taking part. Please return this form by 11 July to:
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