



Defining Disability

Group discussion / Flipchart discussion 5

Analytically discuss the following definition of the term “disability” with your group.

Definition 1

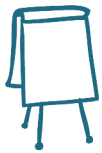
A substantial restriction in the capacity of the person to carry on a profession, business or occupation in the State or to participate in social or cultural life in the State by reason of an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment.

The Disability Act (2005)

Questions:

Do you agree with the definition?

Are there negative/positive implications around disability inherent in the definition?



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Definition 2

The disadvantage or restriction of activity caused by contemporary social and cultural organisations which take little account of people who have impairments, and thus exclude them from mainstream social and cultural activities.

The National Disability Authority

Questions:

Do you agree with the definition?

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