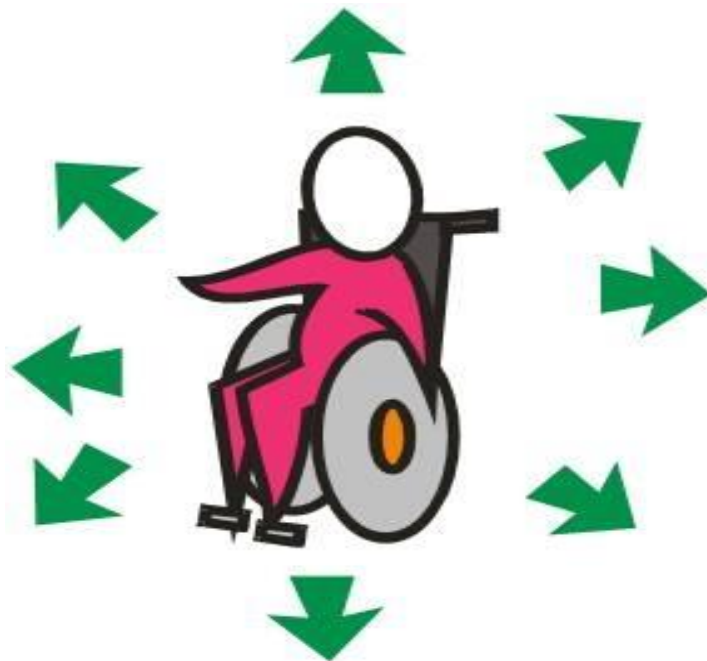


The Social Model of Disability

Easy Read Version



There are 2 Models of Disability

Medical

This model thinks that the person is the problem



Social

This model thinks that society is the problem



The Medical Model of Disability

The two main groups to think about are:

Impairment – your problem!



Disability – your problem!



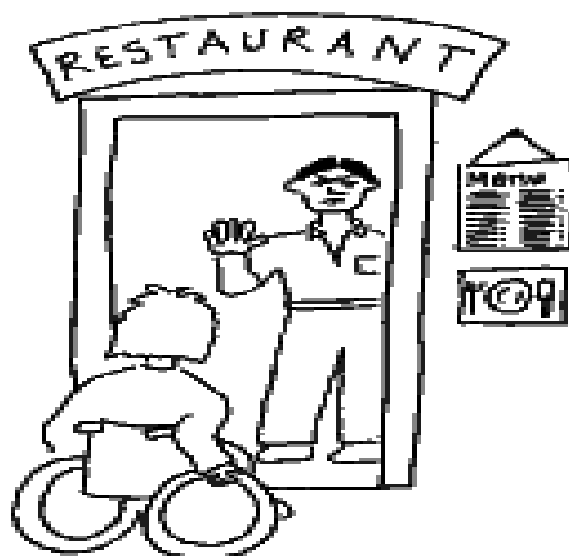
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There are two main groups to think about in this model too.

Impairment – is part of me.



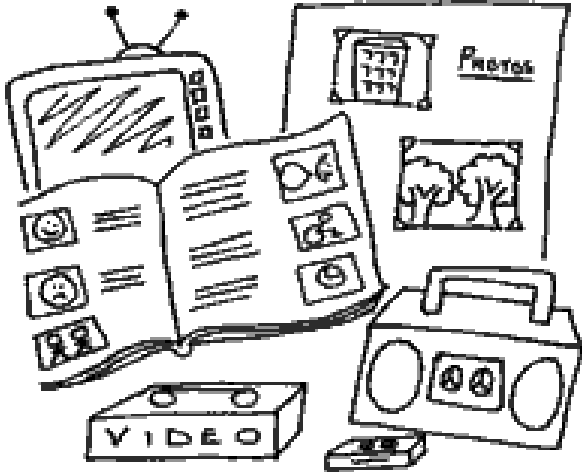
Disability – is society's problem.



Using the Social Model all disabled people have a right to be a part of society.



Society needs to change, not disabled people



Further information about the social model

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