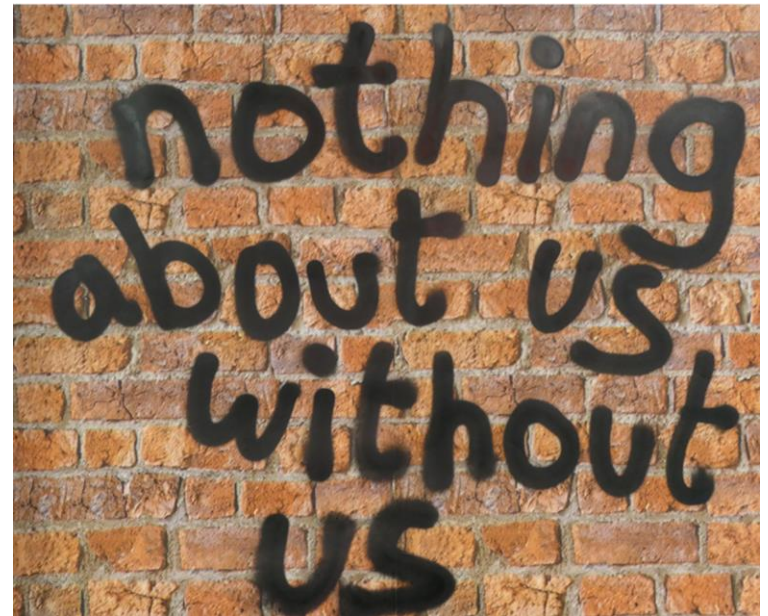


# Support and Strengthen Deaf & Disabled People's Organisations

Disability Hate Crime  
Project.

Or

If you want to  
understand Disability  
Hate Crime, work with  
Disabled people.



# Disabled with a capital D

Generally the term “Disabled” covers

- Physical impairments
- Sensory impairments
- Learning Difficulties
- Mental Health conditions / distress
- Long term health conditions
- Hidden impairments
- Neuro diversity

# Godwin's Law



Who is this man?

# Systemic Issues affecting negative bias

- Historic segregation of Disabled people
- Not just seen as inferior to non-Disabled people but treated as such
- Discrimination in all areas of public and private life
- Others define who we are, if we are vulnerable, an easy target, being taken advantage of.
- Internalisation of negative perceptions by individuals. Becomes the social norm.
- Weak application of legislation (i.e. Equality Act)
- Policies & Practices linking Disability & Vulnerability

# Systemic Issues affecting negative bias

## Aktion T4, The Nazi Program That Slaughtered 300,000 Disabled People

By Richard Stockton

Published May 8, 2018 | Updated February 28, 2019

Inside the Aktion T4 program, the little-known Nazi euthanasia initiative that killed as many as 300,000 disabled people.



Friedrich Flengel/Deutscher Federal Archives via Wikimedia Commons

This photo, taken by shows several boys with Down Syndrome who are being held at the Heilanstalt Schönbrunn anatorium near Dachau concentration camp on Feb. 16, 1934. Children like this would soon fall victim to the Aktion 4 euthanasia program.





*"Vulnerability... simply serves to anonymise our humanity and human rights". The use of "frailty scoring" to prioritise treatment; and GPs "ringing around asking the vulnerable if they wanted to consider a DNR on their notes.. It began to feel like there was only a very short walk from being one of the 'vulnerables' to the chilling club of the 'expendables'"*

## **Baroness Jane Campbell**

[At an online event](#) hosted by the London School of Economics (LSE), as part of a series examining policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

# Systemic Issues affecting negative bias

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## Tory candidate faces Islamophobia investigation days after saying disabled people should be paid less

Sally-Ann Hart is the Hastings and Rye Conservative candidate

Sally-Ann Hart, who is already being investigated for antisemitism, endorsed conspiracy theory claiming Muslim Brotherhood is trying to brainwash American students

Jon Sharman | Wednesday 11 December 2019 10:00

A Conservative **general election** candidate is being investigated for endorsing a blog post which claimed Muslim organisations were trying to brainwash young Americans.

Sally-Ann Hart described the conspiracy theory post as an "affecting

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## Tory who sparked outrage with comments over learning disabilities elected

Sally-Ann Hart, who is also facing two party investigations over alleged Islamophobia and anti-Semitism, was elected as an MP in Hastings and Rye, with a majority of more than 4,000

By Dave Burke  
05:40, 13 DEC 2019 | UPDATED 05:53, 13 DEC 2019

NEWS

**Comparing 2004-5 with 2010-11**

**Significant increase in levels of reporting**

**More politicisation of reporting**

**Less positive real life stories, more focus on benefit fraud, "less deserving" hidden Disabilities**

**Focus groups reported that they thought benefit fraud was a lot higher than it actually is. Articles were having an affect on public attitude toward Disabled people.**

# Recommendations on overcoming barriers within Criminal Justice System

Disabled Witness Project Report, Improving access to justice 2019

## Key recommendations

- Change to legislation – the law is not fit for purpose and treats Disabled people unequally.
- Training – locally and nationally, designed and led by people with lived experience
- Rollout of DHC Matters to all police forces.

<https://gala.gre.ac.uk/id/eprint/27140/>

# Turning the tide – our work

- Parity in HC Law Campaign
- Submissions of evidence based on what DDPOs tell us
- Work with social media companies
- Support DDPOs to set up local HC services
- Support DDPO staff dealing with HC
- Represent London DDPO HC Partnership
- Training Resource for frontline staff (in development)
- Annual Big Learning Event focused on DHC

# DDPOs are key to tackling DHC

This video was funded by the Home Office Building Stronger Britain Together in-kind support and shows how a local DDPO can work to tackle hate crime locally in partnership with police, council and health. The DDPO is called DASL and is based in Lambeth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OH9AyAykyrA&t=2s>

Building up trust through lived experience.

Support to report with specialist knowledge.

Recovering by linking into the wider community.



## Mark Smith

- Mark makes multiple calls for help because ‘friends’ have changed locks on his flat and taken it over.
- Multi-agency involvement
- Safeguarding Alerts raised multiple times
- No connection made to ‘cuckooing’ or hate crime
- Did not refer to local DDPO
- Murdered by ‘friend’ in 2018



# Keys for combatting Hate Crime

*We are all affected by negative bias, being aware is the first step.*

*Working with Disabled people breaks down barriers.*

*Integrated strategies across commissioning for community, police and health.*

*Mind your language!*

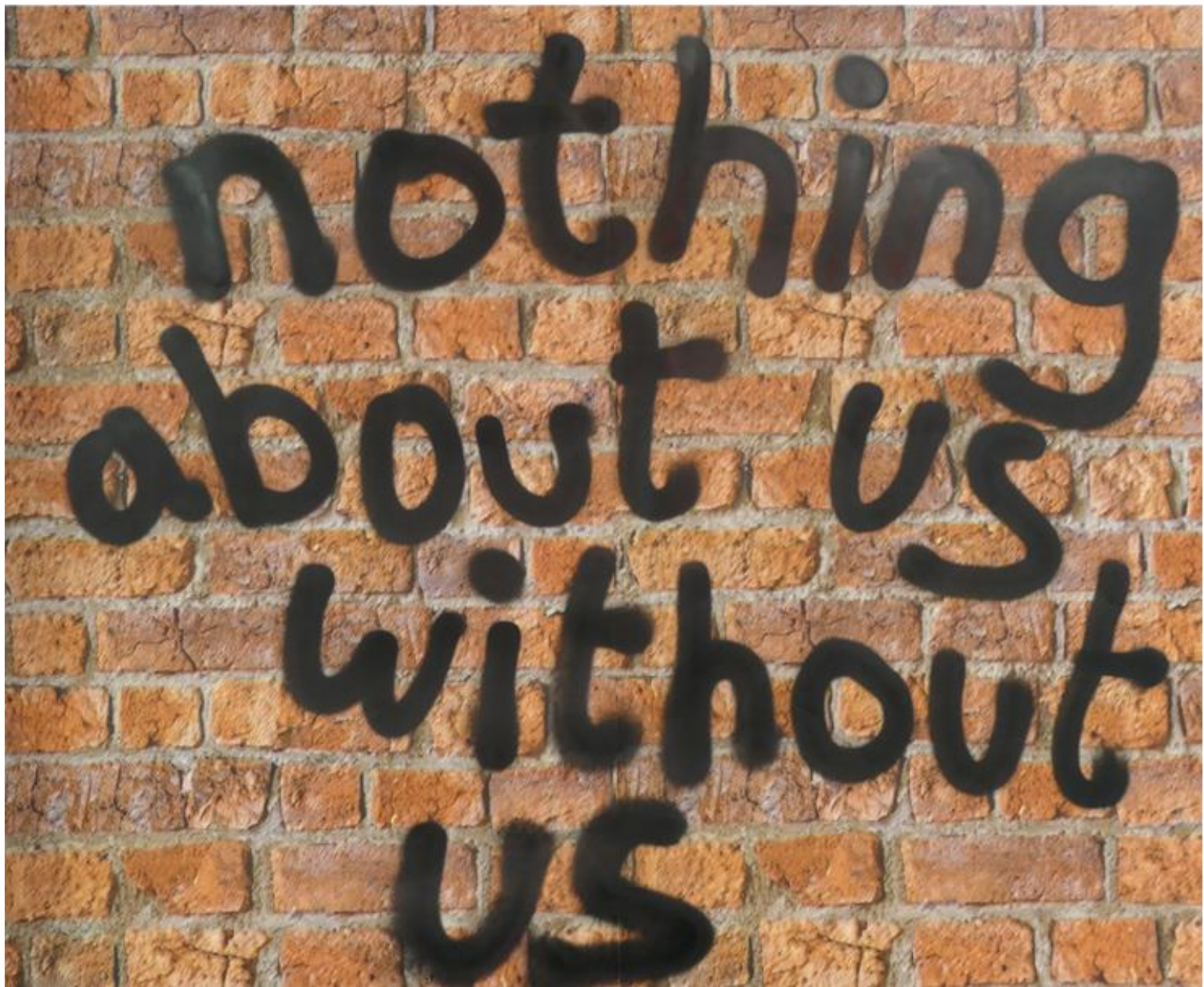
# Message from Anne Novis

Extract from speech made during DHC Matters conference held in 2016 at New Scotland Yard

“Making a lasting and consistent difference is my goal. It’s no good if I leave as an advisor, or officers move on and the work stops. It has to be integrated into everyday practice for all police services.

Third party reporting, multi agency work in boroughs, advocacy, support for victims through the justice system, can only be successful if Deaf and disabled people, victims and our own organisations get involved in this work.”





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