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# Disabled Lives Do Matter

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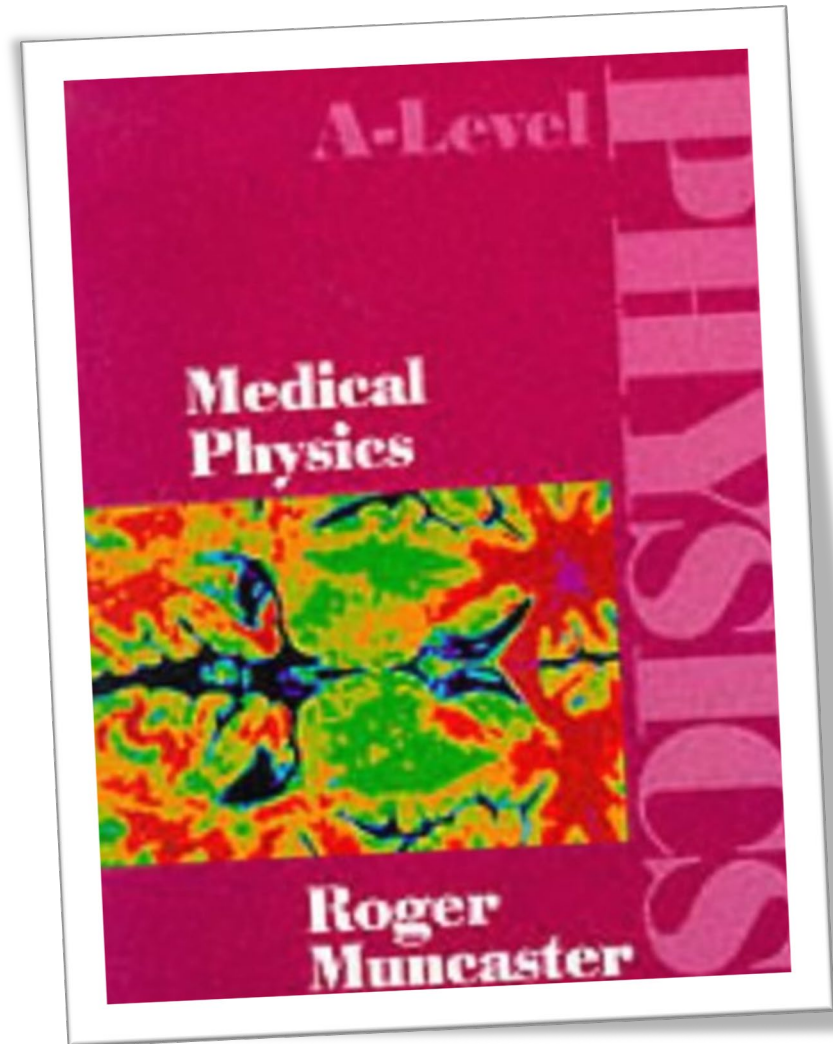
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Going down: physics student Hamied Haroon bungee jumped in a wheelchair from the UMIST students' union in Manchester last week to protest at its lack of a lift. Disabled Mr Haroon had to be winched to the roof for the jump. UMIST says that it may bid for Lottery money to improve the building.



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# TRUST

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

- MSc in Medical Physics
- PhD in Medical MR Imaging



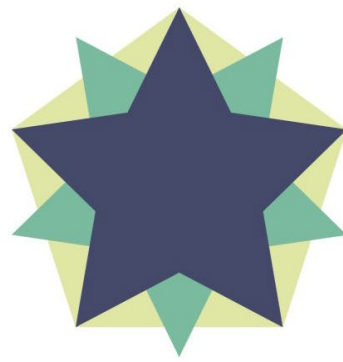
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# Do I enjoy working as a Research Scientist?

- YES!
- Collaborating with all sorts of clever and inspirational people across the globe
- Teaching and engaging with bright young people!
- Being creative – facing new challenges everyday
- Presenting at international scientific conferences



# NADSN



## National Association of Disabled Staff Networks

We are a **super-network** with a mission to connect and represent **Disabled staff networks**

We focus on the **tertiary education** (universities and colleges) and **public** (NHS Trusts) sectors

Visit us and join at:

[nadsn-uk.org](https://nadsn-uk.org)



@nadsn\_uk



NatAssDSN

- We welcome **any** individual and organisation from **any** sector committed to promoting the **equity, diversity, inclusion and access of Disabled staff**
- We act as a collective platform to **share** experiences and good practice and examine challenges and opportunities
  - We are a non-governmental, independent, self-determining and dynamic community, led by and made up of **impassioned Disabled** people



# Our Aims – some of them!

- Promote disability equality and campaign for disabled staff networks to be supported in the workplace
- Promote the interests of disabled staff on a national level
- Challenge stereotypes by endorsing the **Social Model of Disability**, promoting a positive image of disabled people and eliminating the deficit/medical model
- Organise and deliver accessible events that can bring disabled staff and disability equality allies together
- Create regional hubs to make it easier for members to meet each other
- Support relevant research projects, policies and guidance for disabled staff, managers, institutions of tertiary education (HEIs and FEIs) and Government agencies
- Link with disabled students, particularly at postgraduate and doctoral levels

# Social Model of Disability

- “The social model of disability identifies systemic barriers, negative attitudes and exclusion by society (purposely or inadvertently) that mean society is the main contributory factor in **disabling** people” (Wikipedia)

- Prejudice, ignorance, stigma

- Negative attitudes

- Inaccessible places, transport, conversations and information

- Newer models: to include chronic illness and neurodiversity



# UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

- Preamble of the CRPD:
- “. . . disability is an evolving concept and that disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.”



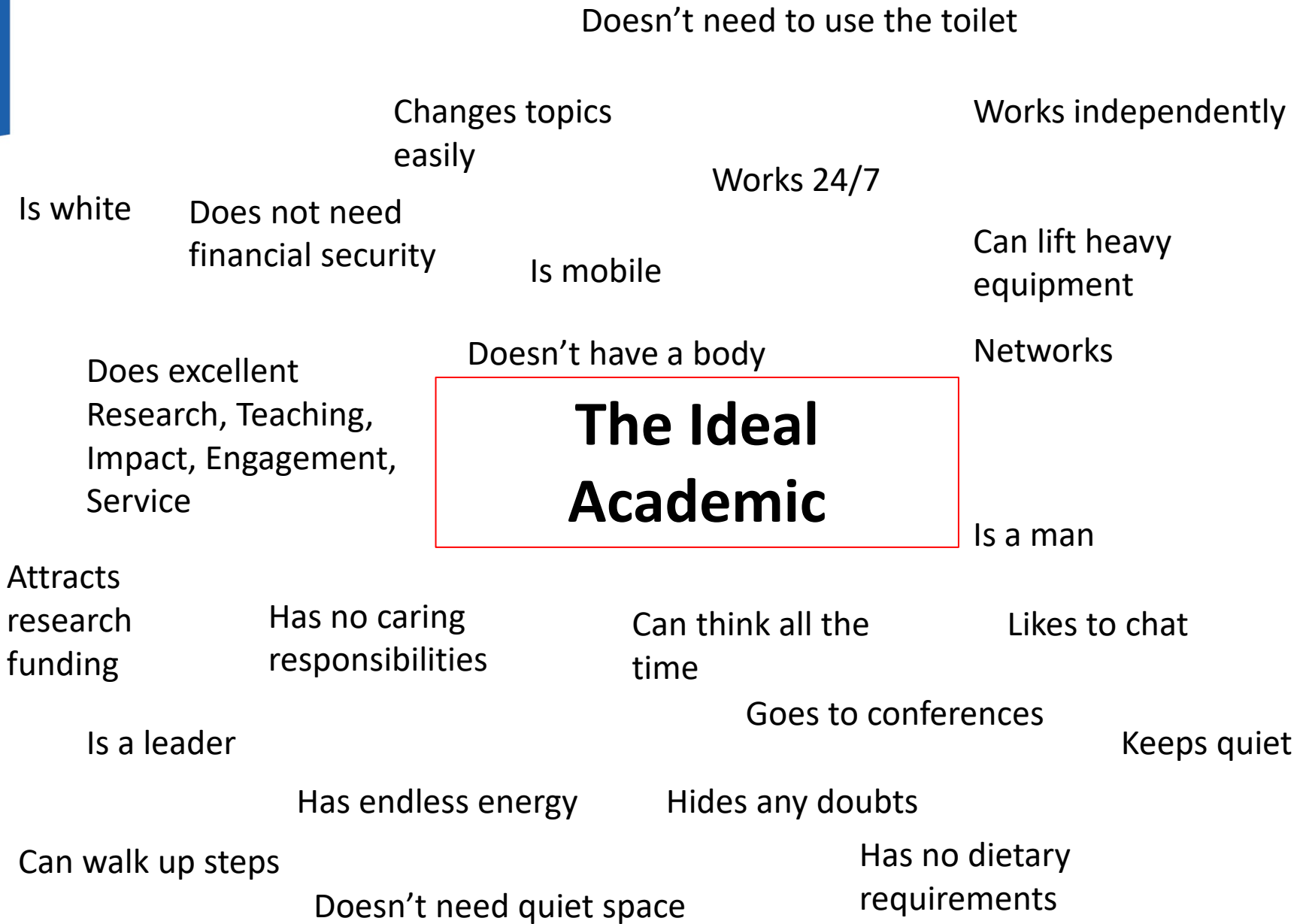
**United  
Nations**



International  
Day of  
**Persons with  
Disabilities**

**3 DECEMBER**







# Disability (Ex)Inclusion in STEMM

A Recommendations Project led by  
**NADSN STEMM Action Group**

<https://t.co/ugFHhBXPd3>





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# Disability Matters

Disability as driving subject of inquiry

**Professor Dan Goodley, et al**

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ihuman/disability-matters>



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# The research questions

1. How is health research, theory and scholarship transformed by an engagement with critical disability studies?
2. What are the health priorities of disabled people in Australia, Canada, India, Singapore and the United Kingdom?
3. What kinds of research methodologies represent disabled people and their health priorities?
4. How does the presence of disability enable more inclusive health research environments?
5. In what ways can we reimagine representations of disability in health research?
6. How do we build a new generation of disabled and disability-positive health researchers?
7. **What transformative knowledge pertaining to equity, diversity and inclusion can be generated through a focus on anti-ableist and anti-disablist practice?**