



Equal Opportunities Committee

Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities

The Equal Opportunities Committee is part of the Scottish Parliament.

The Equal Opportunities Committee has talked to disabled people all over Scotland. The Committee wanted to find out what needs to change to make things better for disabled people.

This is a list of the things that the Committee thinks need to change.

The Equal Opportunities Committee says that the Scottish Executive needs to think about the needs of disabled people when it makes new laws

Work



The Scottish Executive should help disabled people to get and keep jobs.

Disabled people should be able to get help to get a job wherever they live in Scotland.

Disabled people should not have to go to England to get training.

Disabled people should be able to get the help they need to work for themselves.

The Scottish Executive and local councils should employ more disabled people.

There should be a set of rules for helping disabled people get and keep a job.

Disabled people should get expert advice about how getting a job will affect their money.

Education



Young disabled people should be able to get good careers advice at school.

Young disabled people should get better help when moving from school to college or university.

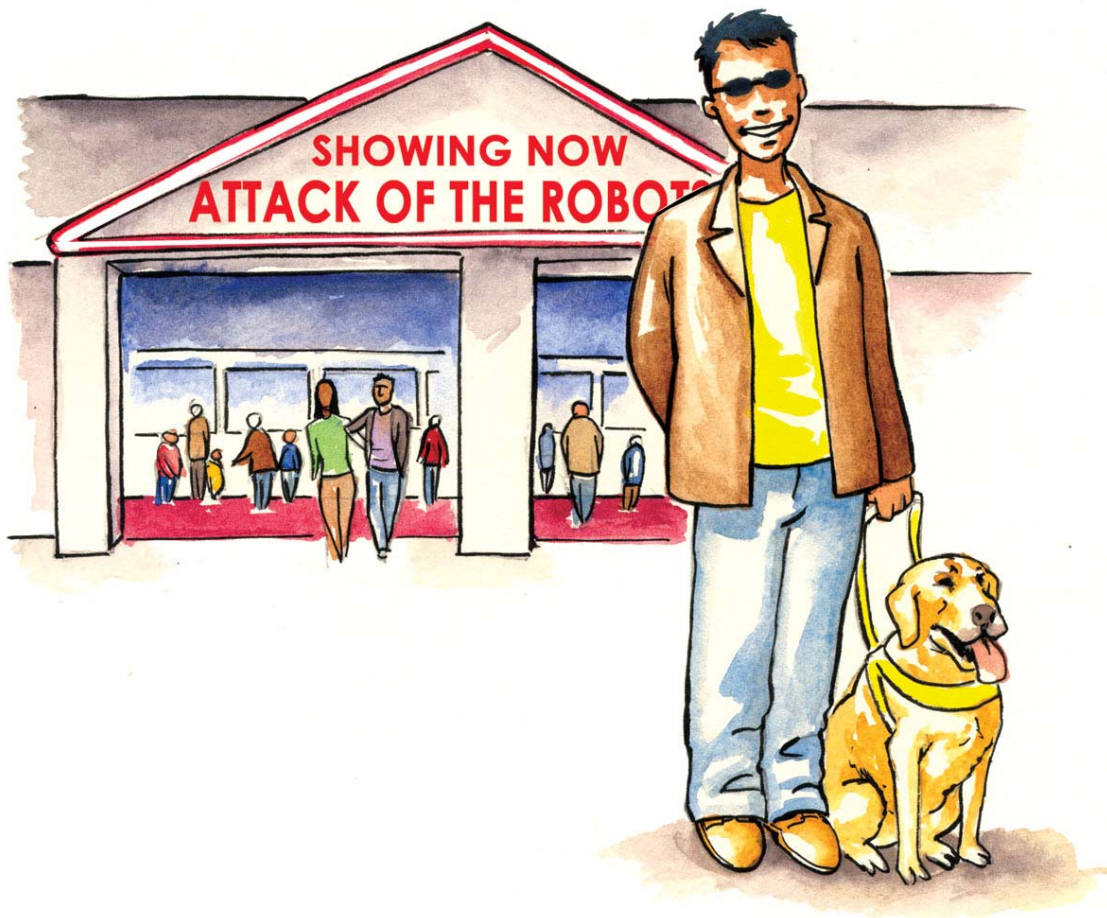
Young disabled people should be able to get better information about money or other help at college or university.

Colleges are not day centres. Disabled people should not be sent to college to pass the time.

Disabled people should be able to do courses that will help them to get a job.

Colleges need to think about how to run courses for people who are very disabled.

Free time



The Scottish Executive, the Disability Rights Commission, political parties and trade unions should find ways of involving more disabled people.

VisitScotland should find ways of getting more disabled people to visit Scotland.

Local councils and the Scottish Arts Council should find ways of getting more disabled people involved in things like theatre, painting, music and dancing.

Cinemas should get help to enable deaf or blind people enjoy films.

Local councils should not expect disabled people to pay for talking books.

Sportscotland is working hard to get more disabled people doing sports. Sportscotland and schools need to work together to get more young disabled people doing sport.

Private gyms, theatres and cinemas should think about how they can provide better services for disabled people.

Disabled people should get more chances to do voluntary work.

Attitudes



The Scottish Executive should pay for adverts that show disabled people doing the same things as other people.

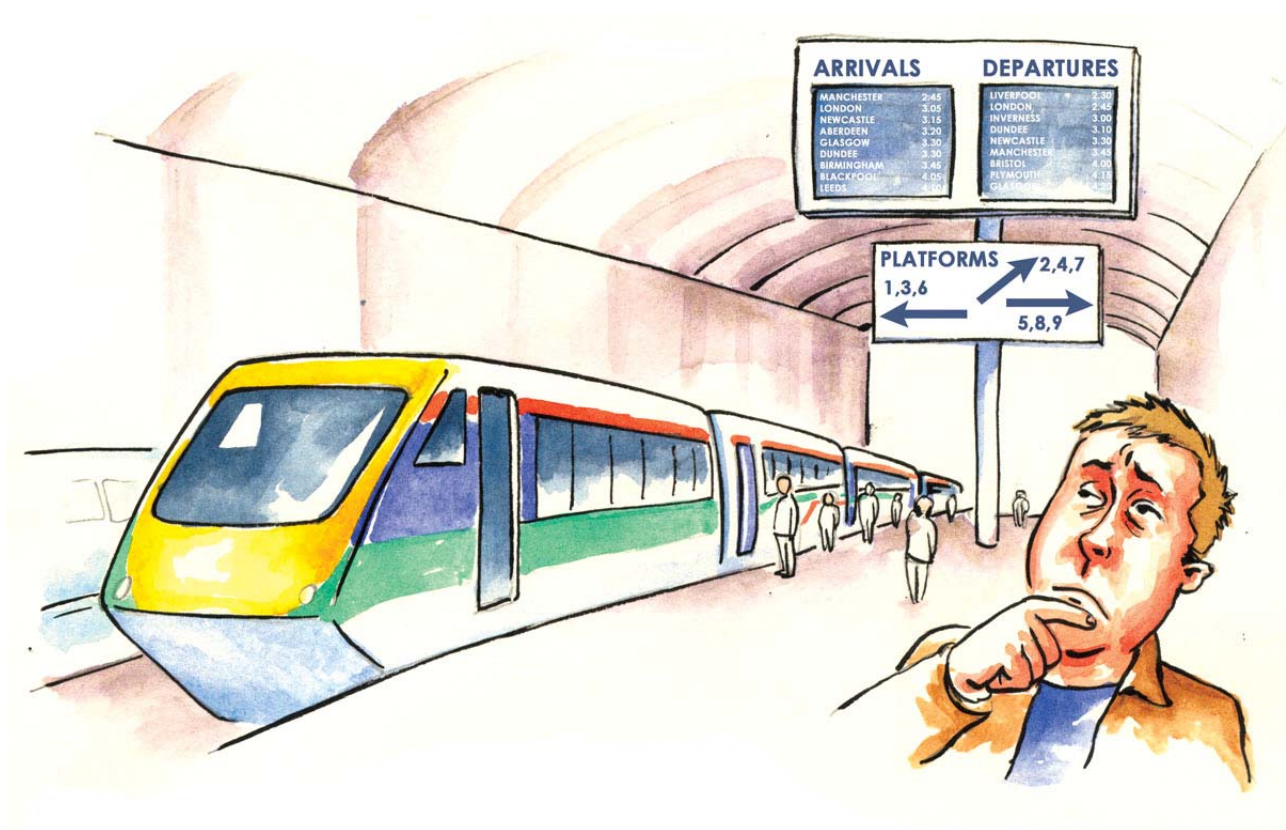
There should be more stories about disabled people on TV and in the papers.

Disability Equality Training

Disability Equality Training means teaching people to treat disabled people the same as everyone else. The Scottish Executive should make sure more Disability Equality Training happens. Disabled people should be the trainers.

Children should learn this at school.

Transport



There is still a lot of work to be done so that disabled people can travel on buses, trains, planes and boats all over Scotland.

Railway stations

The Scottish Executive and the railway companies need to work together so that disabled people can use every railway station in Scotland.

Timetables and information

Information about the times of buses, trains, planes and boats needs to be made easy to understand.

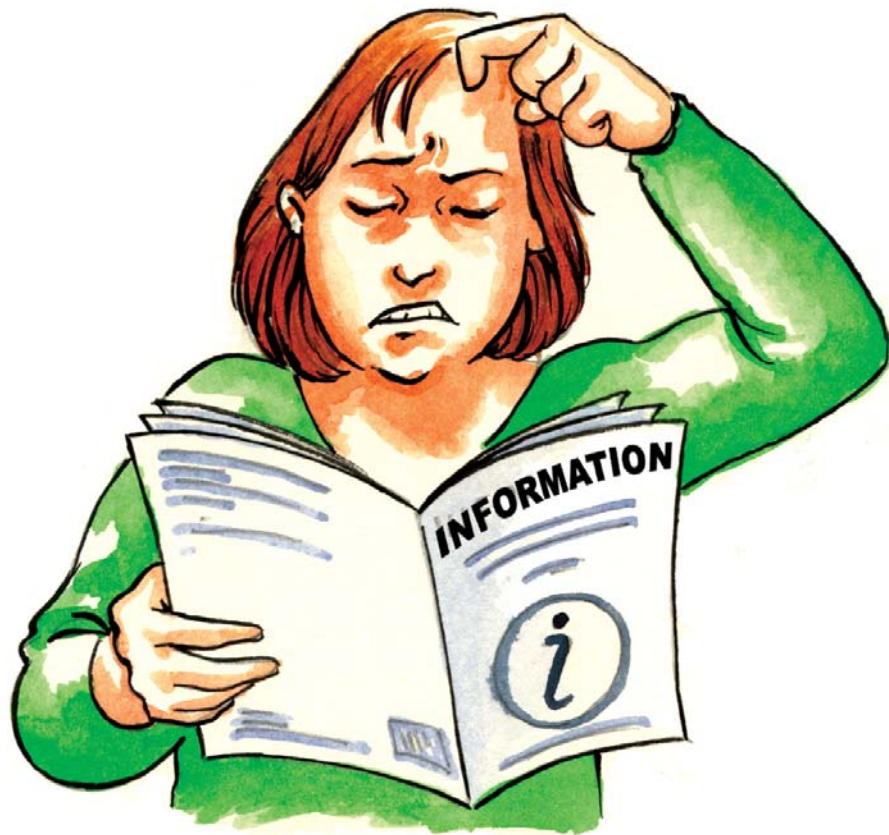
Taxis

All local councils should offer disabled people help with taxi fares.
There should be more taxis that disabled people can use.

Parking spaces

There should be more parking spaces for disabled drivers.
The Scottish Executive and local councils should do more to stop people who are not disabled from parking in spaces for disabled drivers.

Information



Every council should have someone whose job is to make sure that disabled people can get the information they need.

Disabled people should be able to get information in a way that they will understand.

The Scottish Executive should try to get people who make websites to make them easier for disabled people to use.

People who do information well should tell everyone about it.

Buildings



Builders and planners should think about the needs of disabled people when they build new buildings.

Disabled people should be involved in planning new buildings.

More should be done to make sure that disabled people can use existing buildings, including important old buildings.

Where to find out more

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