Disability History Month Briefing 2020

Introduction
Disability History Month recognises the history of disability rights. It's also an important opportunity to celebrate the contributions and impact of disabled people everywhere.

The theme for this year is *access* which highlights the need to improve accessibility be it in the physical environment, access to information or services.

2020 is a landmark year as it marks 25 years since the passing of the of Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

When is it?
18th November – 18th December which also includes the International Day of Persons with Disabilities **(3rd December)**

Key issues
- There are 13.9 million disabled people living in the UK (22% of the population) and an estimated 1 billion globally [1]
- Figures suggest that if you are disabled you are more likely to be unemployed or earn a lower wage compared to a non-disabled person
- UN figures estimate that adults with disabilities are 1.5 times more likely to be victims of violence [2]
- Many disabled people have limited access to accessible public transport and are forced to live in inaccessible housing. A lack of accessible advice and information can also leave many isolated and disconnected

Tweets
This Disability History Month we look back on how far we have come in advancing disability rights and look ahead to the challenges that lie ahead in creating a just and equal society.

More Information
Lib Dem Disability Association: https://disabilitylibdems.org.uk/en/

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[1] https://www.scope.org.uk/media/disability-facts-figures/
[2] https://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/background.shtml

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