

The RIX *Big Ideas* Course



Easy Read Report

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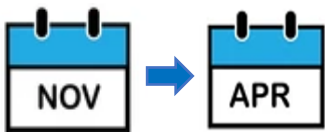
About the RIX Big Ideas course



The course was at the University of East London Docklands Campus

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The course was for 22 weeks



The course ran from November 2025 to April 2026



Each class was 2 hours long



The course is running again this year

Who were the students?



Some students were social work students



Some students were physically disabled



Some students had other disabilities



All students learned together

What did students learn?



Students were taught in university classrooms



Students learned about disability theory



Students learned about disability history

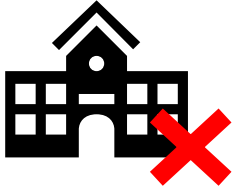


Students learned about disability rights



Students shared experiences of disability

About the evaluation



People with learning disabilities don't usually go to university in the UK



We shared our thoughts about going to university



We shared our thoughts about learning together

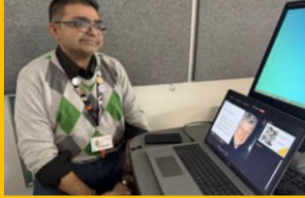


We talked about what was good about the course



We wanted to help make the course better for next time

The evaluation team



Ajay – RIX staff member



Kiran – RIX co-researcher



Jessica - Social work student



Baljit – RIX co-researcher

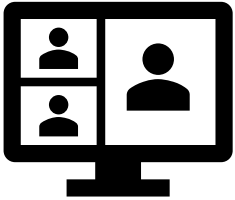


Ros – RIX co-researcher



Helen - Researcher

Evaluation sessions



The team met online after each Big Ideas class



We used photographs and videos to help us remember what we did in class



We talked about what we learned



Helen typed what we said

Our reflections

Learning together



We learned with social work students
*"There's normally just people like me
in the classroom!"*



We learned that social work students
could have disabilities or disabled
family members



We were training future social workers
*"They got to know who they may be
working with"*

Our reflections

Learning new things



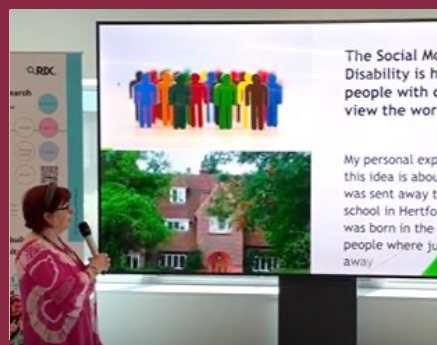
We learned new ideas

"Social Model of Disability – that's the one that's got me"



We researched at home

"Every week, I wanted to learn more about the topic. I looked on Google, YouTube... Not all courses inspire you to want to do that. Normally you want to come home and relax"



We could see how ideas of disability have affected our own lives

Our reflections

Taking part



We enjoyed taking part
"I liked everyone talking to each other and telling their story. All together. Learning and having fun!"



The group activities were fun

Big Ideas

Big Ideas Session 1 timetable		
11.00	Introductions - meet your study partner	Gosia
11.15	What is the course about? Going through the Module Guide together Mentimeter	Jan
11.40	What is a theory - why does it matter?	Chris

Easy Read timetables helped us prepare



One of us worked as a teaching assistant

"It felt good. Help setting up equipment. Taking photos to help our reflections"

Our reflections

Taking part



Transport didn't always arrive on time
This meant that we sometimes missed important information



We presented our group work at the celebration
"My teacher came to the celebration"



We haven't finished learning
"I still want a black cap to get a degree"



We believe that inclusive learning helps everyone learn together