

1000 voices

Disability life stories project



The aim

Our aim with this project is to collect and display 1000 life narratives from people with disability from around the world. With this collection of narratives we hope to open eyes and ears to the lived experiences of people with disability; to provide opportunities for people with disability to have their own voice in determining how their lives are seen and heard; and to make sure that these voices become part of ongoing research, service, and policy development activity in Australia and beyond.

The project will centre on a public interactive website that will display and catalogue a minimum of 1000 life narratives from participants in Australia and participating countries.

These life narratives will be presented in a number of multimedia and textual formats to accommodate our participating narrators' communication abilities and needs.

Support & participate

If you would like to support this important project please contact us today:

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Host organisation

1000 Voices is the flagship research and public awareness project of the Griffith Abilities Research Program at Griffith University. Please see www.griffith.edu.au/rccpci for more information on our programs and research.

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Need for the project

We need:

- a sense of belonging for people with disability in our society;
- policies that are well formed through evidence and end-user feedback;
- disability services that respond to lived needs and realities;
- a sense of community between people with disability and non-disabled people;
- ways to express ourselves in our own words;
- forums to discuss and debate the politics of our own identity;
- a way to develop understandings of others;
- a way to build understandings of ourselves;
- a reliable and comprehensive intercultural collection of first person account research data prepared by people with disability.

This project will:

- provide an accessible forum for the telling of one's own story for people with disability;
- promote life narratives from people with disability to a wide international audience;
- facilitate and acknowledge multiple modes of expression: narratives are not limited to textual expression;
- empower people with disability by giving them access to shared experiences of others;
- provide a link to national and international research and policy that can result in larger scale systemic change;
- provide a vast database from which policy makers and program developers or communities can find out more about lived experiences of people with disability.

