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**Equal Opportunities and Diversity in the Classroom**  
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**Diversity and Equality**

**Welcome to our celebration of British Council Regional Diversity Week!** We have some great news about a new co-operation with a great website for Equal Opportunities and Diversity (EOD) lesson plans and resources..... keep reading!

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EU Diversity Week:  
21 - 25 October 2013

Equal Opportunity & Diversity

Gender, Age, Religion, Ethnicity/Race, Disability, Work Life Balance, Sexual Orientation

EOD - Many areas of life !

**EOD, what?**

Well, at the British Council our work involves developing relationships with people from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. Consequently, we want everyone we engage with to feel valued whoever they are. EOD covers a range of

areas (as you can see in the picture on the left) and we believe there is no equality of opportunity if diversity is not recognised and valued.

**Well, great, but what does it mean to us teachers?** Well, we know a key part of your roles is valuing and dealing with students from different backgrounds, who have different beliefs, and different capabilities in classes. You are probably already an unofficial EOD champion on a daily basis! Well done all of YOU! Keep reading for our EOD video blog challenge...

**Teachers work-life balance.** A key area of EOD for teachers is work-life balance, with this in mind, why don't you take this [burnout survey](#) and see how you score. Need some help? Well, you can get loads of advice and tips [here](#). Which is your favourite method to combat teaching stress?!?

As you can see, EOD relates to many topics and many areas of life but we know it can be challenging to find specific EOD resources which can be used for teaching English. Well don't worry, we are here to help.....



Disabled Access Friendly Campaign

**We're delighted to announce our co-operation with a fantastic organisation, the 'Disabled Access Friendly Campaign'**

The campaign focuses on providing resources for teachers on a key area of EOD, mobility disability. Their campaign aims to increase awareness about mobility disability among students and to persuade them that through their own actions they have the ability to bring about change. On their [website](#) you can find lots of materials, lesson plans, videos etc. which will help you introduce this important topic in your classroom with learners of all ages. The writers for the Disabled Access Friendly Campaign believe in the **power of education** and so do we!

One of our favourite lesson plans is designed for A2 YL students and it is called [Activities I can easily do. Can you?](#). 2nd Conditional is incorporated into a general discussion about things different people can do. The most important feature of this lesson is making students aware of the positive impact of "difference" and "diversity".

## Our EOD video challenge for YOU!



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Watch this fantastic commercial from last year's London Paraolympics '[Meet the Superhumans!](#)' or this [equally intense commercial](#) from Samsung. How would you use these video clips with your classes to raise awareness about EOD? Let us know your inspired ideas via the comment box. Then see if your ideas are similar to the Disabled Access Friendly Campaign's [lesson plan](#) on this topic. What do you think? **Wishing you a happy week filled with lots of diversity!**