

The Disabled Access Friendly Campaign

The voluntary Disabled Access Friendly campaign aims to increase awareness about mobility disability among students learning English as a Foreign Language (EFL) and to persuade them that through their own actions they have the ability to bring about change. It paves the way to progress being made both in attitude and infrastructure so that people with mobility disability are less isolated, have improved access to the world, and are empowered to live more independent lives.

The campaign is based in Thessaloniki, Greece, and is run entirely by volunteers. The campaign's free online material (www.disabled-accessfriendly.com) helps teachers to develop students' social conscience, to make English lessons meaningful, and to encourage critical thinking through a curriculum of social empathy. The free resources consist of lesson plans and graded reading texts at all levels, which can be used as supplementary material, for project work and examination practice. The material provides language students with the information necessary to allow them to put themselves in the shoes of someone with a mobility disability and stimulates them to explore how others feel and to understand others.

(Why not have a look at the web site and then introduce it to the teachers you train or work with? The Editor)

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Using ELT to raise awareness about issues affecting people with mobility disability.

The campaign's website provides free EFL teaching material and graded reading texts for skills building, projects or examination practice.

This material also stimulates students to put themselves in the shoes of someone with a mobility disability for a better understanding of their needs and feelings.

The best schools and teachers have always done more than just prepare students for tests. They raise awareness of the world in which we live and try to make it a better place.

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