

Make Room!

Community Fellow Report



We Are The People is a group of disabled people and allies learning about disability issues at Bath Spa University.



We have learned that **accessible LGBTQ+ spaces** are important to Disabled people in the LGBTQ+ community in the Southwest of England.

Accessible means that something includes disabled people.



For instance, a LGBTQ+ space that is **not** wheelchair accessible, would be an example of an **inaccessible** LGBTQ+ venue.



This report focused on the importance of lived experience research at We Are The People.

Lived experience research is when someone from a non-academic background who has lived experience of the research subject is part of the research team.



Lived experience research at We Are The People means making sure Disabled people from the South West of England are involved at all stages of the research.



One important part of this is to have a community fellow who leads each of our research projects.

Each Community Fellow is somebody with lived experiences of the research project who is not an academic.



Our goals for this project were:

1. Promote leadership for Disabled people from non-academic backgrounds.



2. Recognise the value of lived experience over qualifications.



3. Make sure research questions and final results are set by Disabled people.



4. Communicate research findings accessibly to Disabled networks.



5. Put community impact first in our research goals



6. Celebrate creative and accessible research methods.

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