

BOND Disability and Development Group

International Day of Disabled Persons 2013 event

“Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all”

2 to 4pm, 3rd December 2013, Jubilee Room, House of Commons

Background:

3 December is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities throughout the world.

More than 1 billion people or 15% of the world population are living with disabilities - the world's largest and most disadvantaged group - most of which, are in developing countries!

Around the world, persons with disabilities face physical, social, economic and attitudinal barriers that exclude them from participating fully and effectively as equal members of society. They are disproportionately represented among the world's poorest, and lack equal access to basic resources, such as education, employment, healthcare and social and legal support systems, as well as have a higher rate of mortality. In spite of this situation, disability has remained largely invisible in the mainstream development agenda and its processes.

Event at the House of Commons

Bond Disability and Development Group, a group of UK-based development organisations working to ensure that disabled people are included in development is organising an event on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at the Jubilee Room, House of Commons between 2 and 4pm.

The theme of the event is “Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all” (in line with the [theme](#) proposed by the United Nations)

Objectives:

- To raise the profile of disability and development with Parliamentarians and the development sector
- To focus on ensuing disability is a cross-cutting issue in the post-2015 global development agenda
- To take practical and concrete action to include disability in all aspects of development

Invitees - approximately 60 participants - the following is an indicative list

- Parliamentarians
- Members of the International Development Select Committee
Members of the Shadow International Development Team
- All-Party Parliamentary Group on
 - Global Education for All
 - Commonwealth
 - International Development and the Environment
- DFID
- World Bank
- Academics
- Chief Executives of large NGOs
- Members representing BOND DDG
- Media

Proposed format

- Welcome and introduction to the event - Rt Hon Sir Malcolm Bruce MP and Chair of International Development Committee - 5 mins
- Ade Adepitan; the Paralympic medallist and TV presenter - 5 mins
- Young person with disability, member of Young Voices, a global campaign to end exclusion of disabled people - 5 mins
- Lynne Featherstone, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for International Development - 10 mins
- Closing and articulation of follow-up actions - 5 mins
- Followed by tea