

LO: To recognise that stereotypes exist based on a number of factors.

Starter – look at the photo montage sheet and complete the task at the top of the sheet before reading the points at the bottom.

Parent notes: *It would be useful to explain to children, at this point, that some stereotypes might be unfair. For example, people might think older people or those with disabilities cannot do certain things, or older people might be stopped from going to certain places. In some cases, it might lead to discrimination i.e. not treating someone fairly because of their age.*

Explain that this is actually illegal and that there is a legal framework called the '[Equality Act](#)' which protects people from being treated unfairly and promotes a more equal society. For example, it is illegal to say that someone cannot have a job because of their age.

Explain that stereotypes can lead to discrimination i.e. not treating someone fairly because they have a disability, and that this is illegal under the Equality Act. Unfortunately, however, people with disabilities can still suffer discrimination. Sometimes this is intentional, but sometimes people do not realise they are doing it.

Main task -

To help avoid stereotyping behaviour, you are going to learn more about people with disabilities. Ask the children if there is anyone they are aware of who has a disability (these could be personally known to them children or famous people).

You are going to write a biography of someone with a disability.

You can decide how to display their findings yourself or you can use the *Activity: Biography template* provided.

Information can be taken from the link: '[The disability power 100 – 2019 influencers](#)' – which celebrates the 100 most influential disabled people in the UK each year.

You should spend about 15 – 20 minutes on this task.

Close –

Watch the video on link: '[Channel 4: We're the super humans – Rio Paralympics advert 2016](#)'.

I wonder if anything surprised you during the clip?

Remember that we need to be aware that it is easy to make assumptions and to stereotype people, instead, we must treat people equally and not judge them.