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A key finding of our research is that disability is a good place to start thinking about the ways in which we live together [1], [2].

- Disability can change how we think about our relationships with others and to re-shape, trouble and expand on ideas of what it means to be Human [3];
- Disabled people's experiences and views should always be included in discussion about what a 'good society' might look like;
- We live in a time when people who are 'able' to 'work hard' are valued most - we call this 'neo-liberal ableism' [4];
- It is important to question the value of what it means to be a 'normal' human at the same time as recognising that people with learning disabilities are human too [5];
- We need a social policy that recognises the importance of interdependence, rather than independence [add link to [interdependence news article](#)];
- We need to find new ways of valuing human diversity – disability is a good place to start [6]

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