

Making Equality
History of Advocacy and Persons with Disabilities in Canada

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The world often differs from the lessons taught about it in university classrooms. History, and the conclusions drawn from it typically shape the way society deals with the community at large. Healthcare and social service professionals, for example, base their approach to dealing with people with disabilities on a charity model of care popularized in the 1950s.

In order to challenge and offset mainstream society's notions of them, it is important that people with disabilities play a role in documenting, recording and analyzing their own history. Written by and for Canadians with disabilities and their communities, *Making Equality: History of Advocacy and Persons with Disabilities in Canada* contests attitudes toward disabled people and their participation in Canadian society. It presents as formal knowledge disabled peoples' stories, observations and analyses in an effort to bridge the sizeable knowledge gap faced by educators and professionals.

Making Equality: History of Advocacy and Persons with Disabilities in Canada is suitable as a resource in many fields of study, and as a textbook for history, social science, disability studies and nursing courses, as well as for any course that examines the history of people with disabilities.

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