

ATOS Sponsoring paralympics

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<http://peoplewithme.com/thread-1550-post-9929.html#pid9929>

Apparently there was a demonstration about this yesterday. Pure policy based propaganda.

Not only that I'm now furious as David Cameron hijacked the opening ceremony to say during an interview, "We want to send the message to disabled people don't concentrate on what you cant do concentrate on what you can do".

How dare he make such a comment and be so presumptuous?

Tomorrow I still wont be able to get on a bus, or a tube, I wont be able to walk to the shop, I will still feel ill, dizzy, ache and be unable to hold down a job. I will still loose my balance on the stairs and have to piss in a bucket during the day. I still wont be able to get in and out of the bath on my own or even have the energy to shower.

I will still have to pay people to do the simplest of jobs around the house. I still wont be able to go out much with my children or join in activities with them.

I will get progressively worse and over the coming years will have to fight more and more for the disability benefits that the government is trying to rip away from me.

It will become more and more stressful fighting to obtain medical treatments and appealing against deliberate lies written about me by ATOS and the NHS on behalf of the government.

Despite all of this I just get on with my life to the best of my abilities so who the fuck is Cameron to make such judgmental presumptions about me.

His comments and others with the same political rhetoric will breed contempt towards myself and other disabled people and resentment of the benefits we are forced to require whether or not we can or cant work.

Its seems to have escaped the government and the policy makers that disabled people will still need disability benefits, carers, equipment, and all the same benefits we are now entitled to which they wish to rip from us even if they manage to force some of us into work or "work groups".

In fact we will require more funding on the whole if more people enter the workforce as

we would have to carry out more tasks in a day. Disability benefits are largely based on our limited ability to carry out essential tasks so adding to them will put us in a position of requiring more care and more help. So essentially they should not only be ring fencing disability benefits but actively stating they will provide more benefits.

In most cases work is not an option and would cause most of us further ill health and in ME cases probably unrecoverable relapse.

However as we all know the government doesn't really care how many people they do or don't get into work they just want to slash their benefits regardless and their plan of slashing billions away from the sick and disabled will bear ZERO relation to how many people they get into work.

However it will have a direct correlation to those with the newly acquired status of unemployed forced into work groups. That in turn will stigmatise them and leave them open to claims of being malingerers and fraudsters.

That's just the illusion they are presenting in order to pull a slight of hand on the general public and to make disability "destigmatised" and as if by magic the disabled and the sick will have the same access to life that other people have without even improving their health conditions. Conveniently and coincidentally this will be done by also reducing healthcare spending and rolling out CBT as the chosen treatment for all.

The major trick is to make it politically incorrect to speak out against such policies as you will be "stigmatizing the disabled" and blocking treatments for "mental health".

If the government is so adamant it wishes to help the sick the frail and the disabled why isn't there an overt campaign to ensure that millions of people entitled to extra benefits of the billions that go unclaimed can get them?

Why aren't they sending doctors to people's houses who don't claim to assess them to ensure they are getting their full range of benefits. Why don't the elderly and those on minimal disability benefits get sent information telling them they should be claiming much more?

Why are most citizens advice bureaux closing or not helping the sick the frail and the elderly fight through the minefield of essential benefits.

I won't wake up healthy tomorrow, more able or less in need of benefits because some people who are capable run or wheel around a track in the paralympics.

However the general public will have a perception of me tomorrow and the coming future that I am just not trying hard enough or pulling my weight.

All of this nonsense and political rhetoric will have a roll on effect on medical research and development, healthcare treatment and health insurance and will reduce such services even further under a mandate by the public they will have been hoodwinked into and will only realise when it is themselves that suddenly need such services.

You are a bastard Cameron a propagandist and a bullshitter!!