

Disability and the barriers to inclusion in the designed environment.

Geography and Environment 2012/13 seminar series lecture by Professor Rob Imrie

Despite years of campaigning by disabled people and their organisations for laws and policy measures to enable the design and construction of accessible environments, many public places remain out of reach and unusable. This situation is being worsened by the Coalition government's policies to dismantle the planning system and the threat to eliminate important building regulations, such as Part M that specifies minimum standards of access to buildings for disabled people. In this presentation, I consider why so little has been achieved in relation to disabled people's rights to access the environment, and what ought to be done to ensure that accessible spaces and places can be crafted.

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This lecture is to be given to mark the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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