

Religious Studies Topic of the Month

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Have we achieved true equality for people with disabilities?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written by Paul McAuley for the Liverpool Echo* and is entitled "Liverpool's landmarks light up turquoise and yellow for symbolic reason".

Introduction

The article refers to Liverpool's landmarks lighting up in turquoise and yellow to mark the International Day for People with Disabilities.

[\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

[\(Click here to visit \[idpwd.org\]\(http://idpwd.org\) to learn more about this day\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- How does marking the International Day for People with Disabilities promote diversity and inclusion?
- In what ways can religious teachings support the inclusion of people with disabilities?
- How can schools and educational institutions contribute to raising awareness about disabilities?
- What are some challenges people with disabilities face in society, and how can these be addressed?
- How do events like the International Day for People with Disabilities align with the principles of social justice in religious studies?
- Why is justice for others and equality regarded as important by religious people?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Social Justice, Equality
 - St Marks gospel Jesus' treatment of people with disabilities
- **A-Level:**
 - Equality
 - Equality and discrimination