



UK DISABILITY
HISTORY
MONTH 2017

Disability and

art



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Disability History Month, which runs from 22 November to 22 December, will look at artists who have been disabled, artists who have featured disabled people through a social model lens to understand the attitudes existing at different times over history towards disabled people through their portrayal in Art.

There is also a look at the intersectionality of disabled people – as women, black and LGBT.

Some facts:

- **70-80%** of young disabled people claim to have been bullied in school and college
- Following the general election on 8 June 2017, media reports stated that **less than 1%** of MPs have declared a disability
- **Disabled people** are similarly under-represented in the devolved parliaments/assemblies
- 2015/16 – **26%** of people living in a household with a disabled person were in poverty
- In the third quarter of 2016, **48.3%** of disabled people aged 16-64 were in employment; this was a gap of **32.2%** compared to people without

- a disability
- 2016 Keele report: Disabled staff **more likely** to receive a “Must Improve” rating
- The government has committed to **halving the disability employment gap** by ensuring apprenticeships are accessible.

Did you know?

- **Edgar Degas** – had problems with his vision
- **Francis Bacon** – died from chronic asthma; he was also a gay man
- **Maria Iliou** – Neurodivergent artist
- **Zuly Sanguino** – artist, born with no arms or legs.

And there are many, many more.

How can you get involved?

- Organise an event at your branch/workplace
- Use the photo-op cards and send pictures to **equality@pcs.org.uk**
- Share your events: **#PCSUKDHM**
- Check for events in your PCS region/nation
- In your local area: **<http://ukdhm.org/events/>**
- Not yet a member? Join PCS, the campaigning union **pcs.org.uk/join**

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