

# INCLUSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION- MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS ERASMUS MUNDUS ALUMNA

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# Medical model of disability

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Medical model of disability (traditional)

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Most common for majority of the countries

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Claims that people are disabled by their impairments and should be 'fixed' or treated even when the impairment or difference does not cause pain or serious illness

Developed as modern medicine surfaced and advanced during the 19th century

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Disability is a deficiency or abnormality

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Being disabled is negative and problematic

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No equal rights

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Disability is only an individual issue

# Terminology

## Medical model of disability

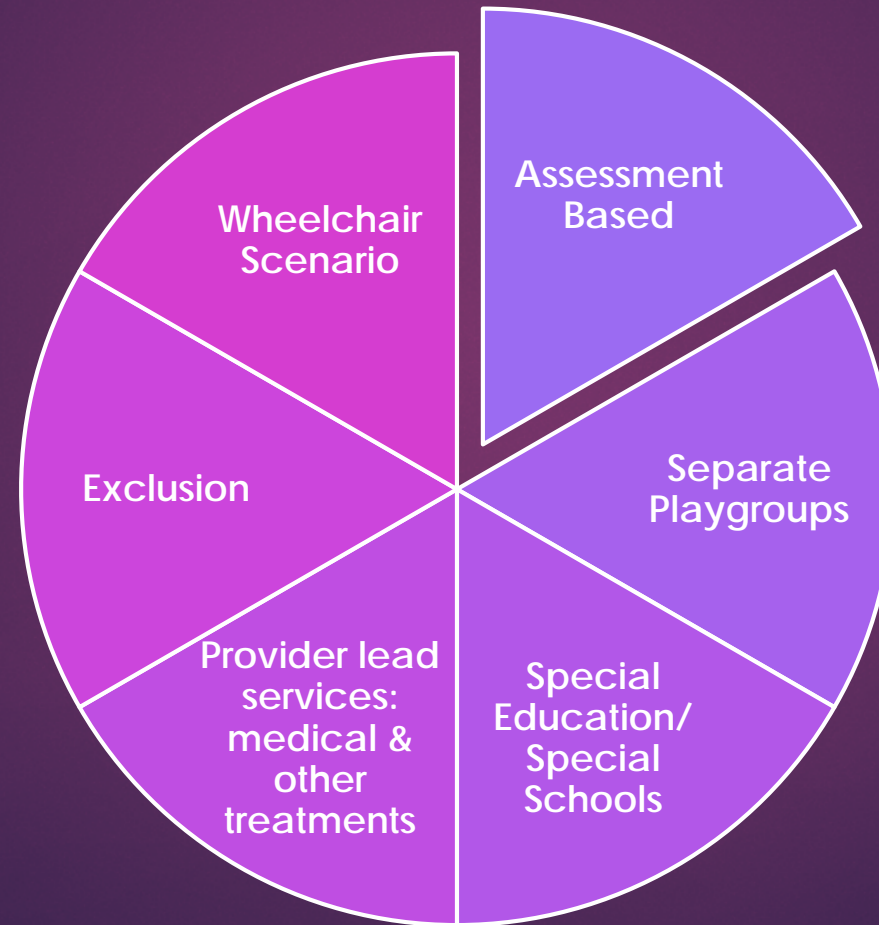
- ▶ Handicapped
- ▶ Mentally abnormal
- ▶ Invalid
- ▶ Blind
- ▶ Deaf and dumb
- ▶ Special school/boarding school

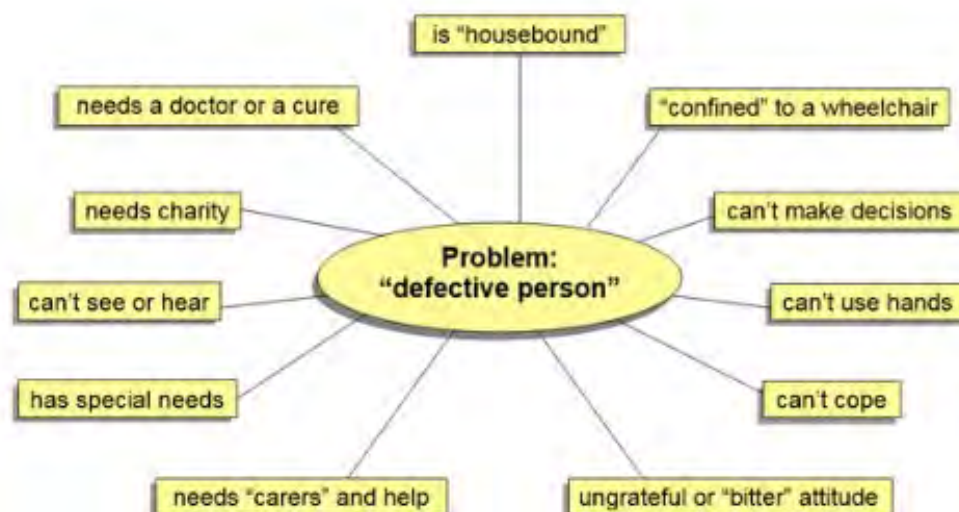
## Social model of disability

- ▶ Disabled
- ▶ Person with mental health condition
- ▶ Wheelchair user
- ▶ Person with visual impairment
- ▶ Person with hearing impairment
- ▶ Inclusive classroom
- ▶ Individual education plan



# Examples: medical model











# Social model of disability

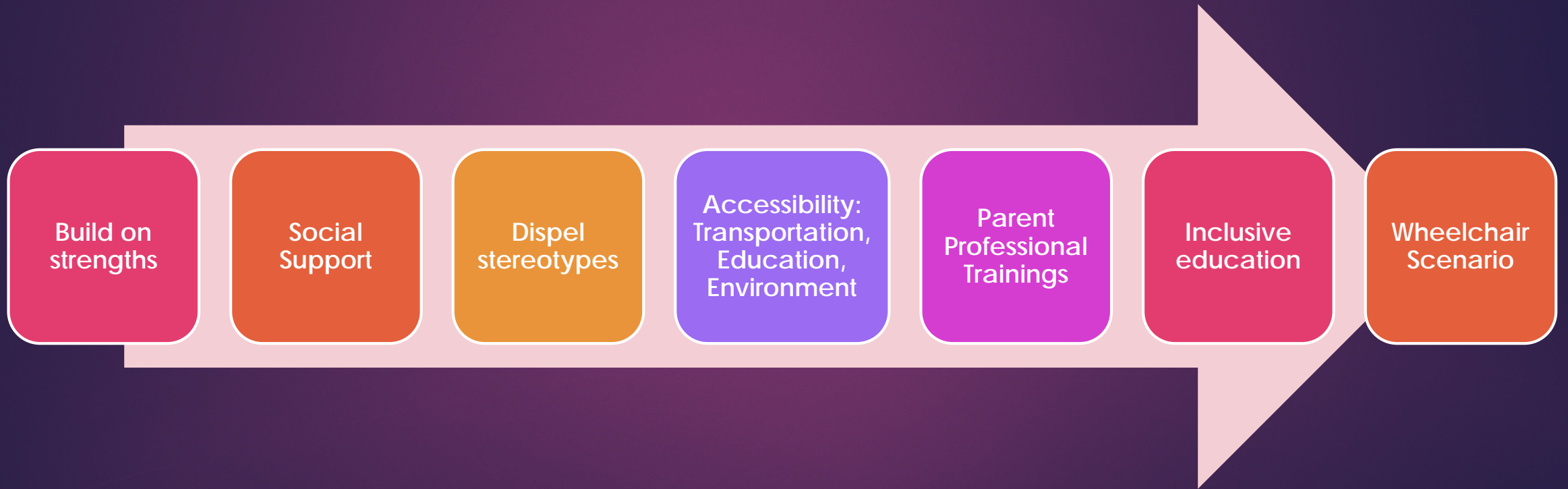




# Social model of disability

- Developed in the UNITED KINGDOM during the Civil Rights Movement by Michael Oliver and colleagues
- Developed initially by Union of the Physically Impaired Against Segregation (UPIAS) in 1970s
- Disability is a difference. Contrast to medical model.
- Defines 'disability' as social oppression rather than form of impairment.
- Disability does not represent a person, but part of his/her life.
- Disability-related problems can be solved by societal changes/inputs/collaboration.
- Equal rights to all life aspects.

# Examples: Social model of disability







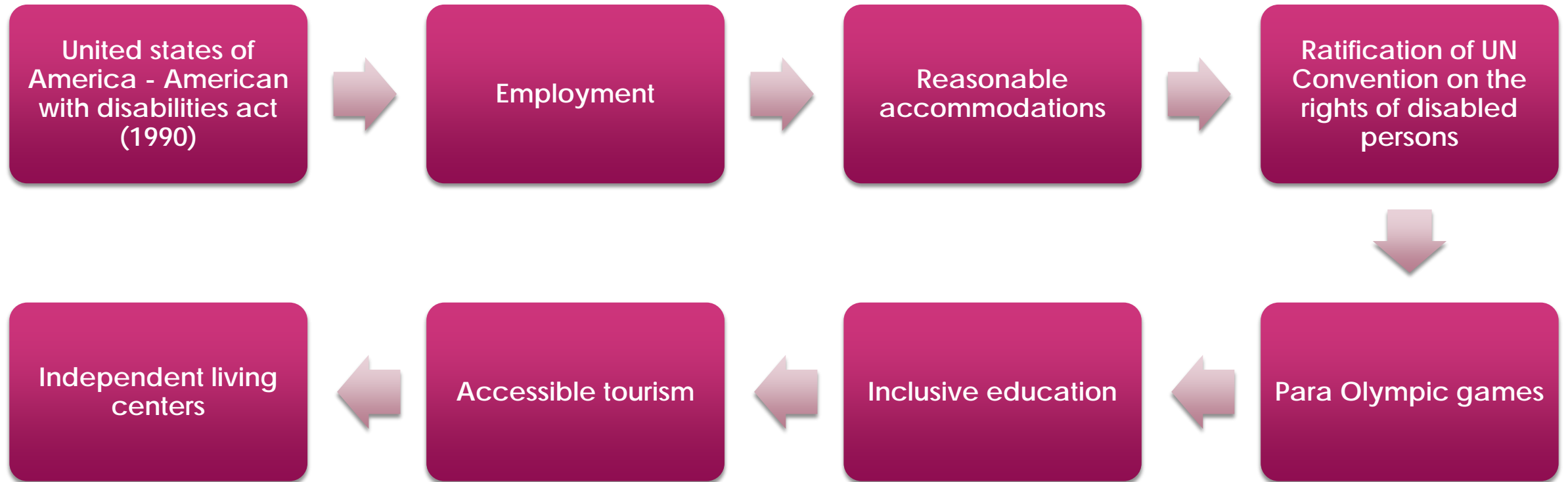




# Public transportation, London UK



# International experience on implementing the social model of disability







# Center for Independent Living

OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA

» *Independence. Whatever it takes!*



CONVENTION on the RIGHTS  
of PERSONS with  
DISABILITIES



Inclusion  
international









## Sports facilities

# Disability support services

- ▶ Support in arranging accommodations
- ▶ Help with academic success
- ▶ Psychological support
- ▶ Advise on communication with your professors.





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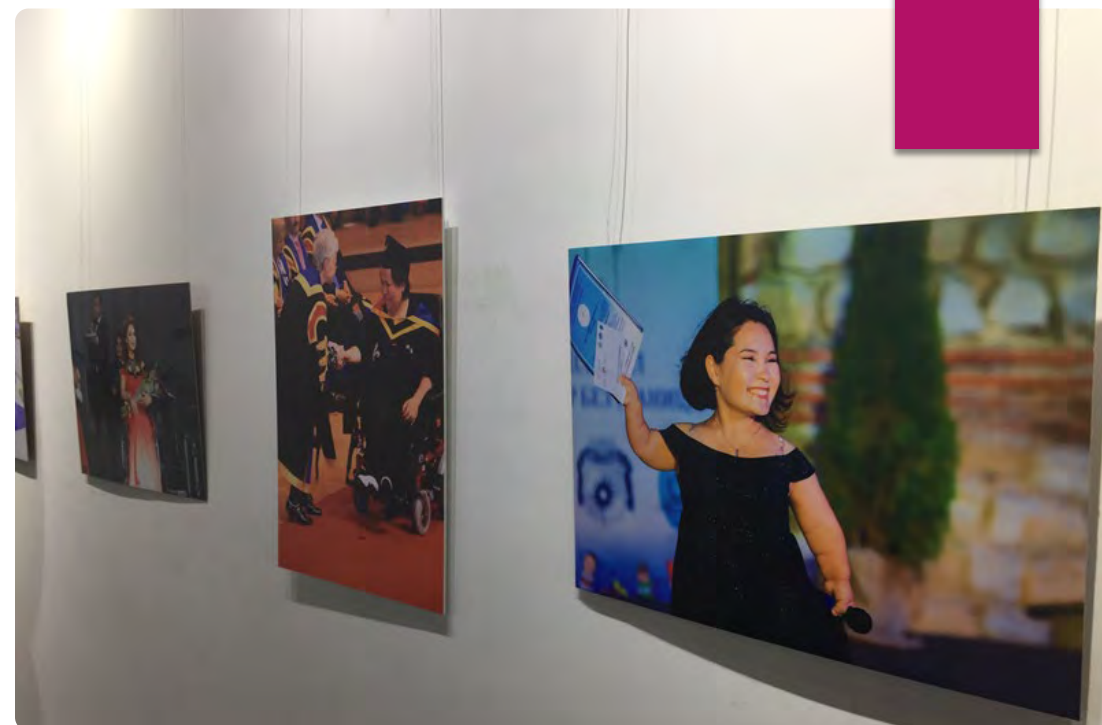


Professional experience





# Seminar for school teachers on inclusive education



## Photo exhibitions









## Seminar on inclusive education for university lecturers





# My PhD Research interest

- ▶ The role of higher education for students with disabilities
- ▶ Motivation and expectations



Thank you for your time!

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