

Disability Awareness Video

Script – Final edited version

Morgan Freeman : 'Hello. My name is Morgan Freeman.'

Alexander: 'Sorry Morgan, I'm doing this one'

(Head/body shot of Alexander reading)

Alexander: 'My name is Alexander Grover.

I am 21 years old and I have autism and a severe learning difficulty.

This is a picture of me being handsome

(Alexander's camera face)

I am going to narrate to you this short film about some of my fellow students at Springfield.

Springfield is part of Learning for Living and Work. We are based at the shiny new Discovery Centre on the Smallford Campus.

Hopefully by the end of this film you will have a better idea about who we are.

Before we start, I would like to apologise for the poor quality of this presentation. You just can't get the staff these days.

Like you, we are at college to learn and to try to better ourselves.

In particular, we are working to develop our communication, independence, numeracy and literacy and ICT skills and to get better at working with others.

(clip relating to each of the above)

Here are some of the things that we do.

Like you, we are working to a level that is appropriate to our abilities.

(Multiple short clips – bricklaying, carpentry, tiling, footie, rugby, cooking, pub lunch, target sheets, wii bowling, art etc)

A lot of the students at learning for living and work have what teachers call spikey profiles. This means that we are really good at some things, but not as good as you might expect at others.

There are some things that are different about Springfield students compared to Mainstream students.

Our behaviour may seem peculiar to you at times.

We may not have the social skills that you have. For example people with autism can find it very difficult to relate to other people.

We may have some physical issues that affect our mobility.

We may need more time to process information than you.

However, we are not a minority to be stared at, pointed at or laughed at.

We are different to you in some ways. But then, aren't we all a bit different to each other?

(clip – Ricky 'No!')

I think you'll find we are Ricky.

(Ricky laughing)

Just like you, we have the right to be treated respectfully, to be listened to and to be shown some compassion and understanding.

What responsibilities do you think you have when you are around your fellow students?

Something to think about.

Pause

(clip - Billy sings)

Not now Billy, this was supposed to be the important bit.

(clip – Billy grins and laughs)

This has been a deliberately light hearted film that has hopefully highlighted some important issues.

Like you, we are just young women and young men trying to find our way in the world.

(clip – Billy walking off)

Not that way Billy.

Thank you for watching

(multiple thank you's)