

As part of the I'm Me project, we wanted to explore the intersectionality of disability and age.

Disability and Age

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DISABILITY

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We did this through a practical workshop, that explored the question in layers to build understanding.



First, we constructed a 'default man', a Mr Normal. White, Male, Heterosexual and non disabled. We named him Archie.





We thought about the typical stages in Archie's life.....

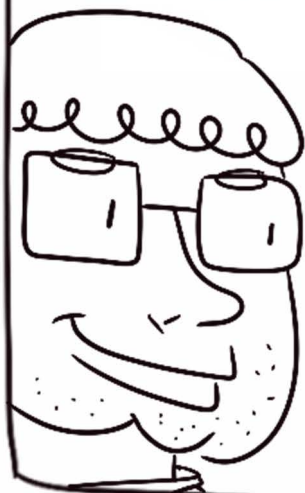
What doesn't Archie have that most people in this room do?



We discussed how there were no structural barriers that stopped Archie achieving whatever he wanted to achieve in life.

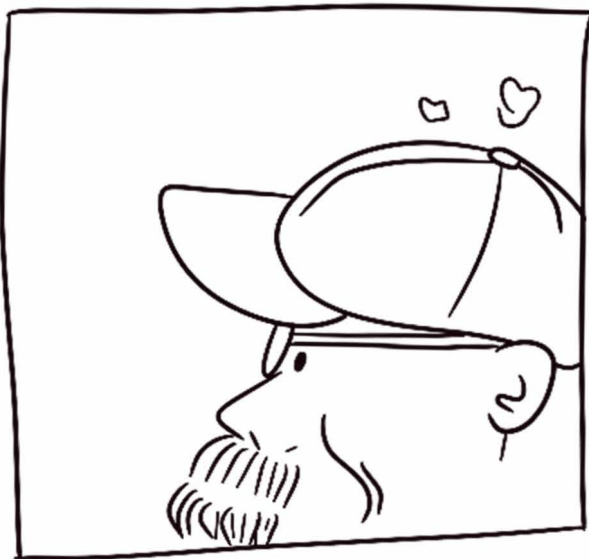
Empathy!

Disability!



We then started thinking about our own lives and collected experiences from different key moments.





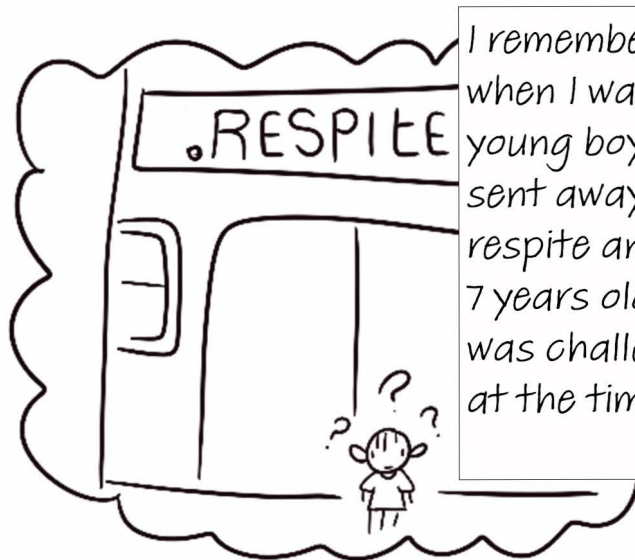
I could sing before I
could walk and talk.



I live with my mum, dad and 2
dogs. My sister lives down the
road and my grandma lives next
door.



What we found interesting was the diversity of experiences. So much more interesting than Mr Archie Normal.



I remember that when I was a young boy I was sent away to respite and I was 7 years old and I was challenging at the time.



I'm not interested in relationships because my brothers keep splitting up with their girlfriends.



Aged 6 I made a friend with a non-LD boy and we've been friends ever since.

I met his friends and we all get together regularly, and now I'm his groomsman.

