

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Disability

<i>Glossary Term</i>	<i>Glossary Definition</i>
CITIZEN/CITIZENSHIP	Being a member of and included within a community. Allowed in to a community implies receiving or being granted a set of entitlements to legal equality and justice, the right to be consulted on political matters and access to a minimum of protection against economic insecurity, while simultaneously required to fulfill certain obligations to state and society. (Cohen & Kennedy, 2000, p. 375.)
“CLOSET”	A notion drawn from queer theory whereby an individual with a marked, stigmatized and invisible difference can pass as someone acceptable – usually the prevailing sense of “normal.” The walls become daily performances and utterances blocking outsiders from knowing a person’s full sense of self but also inhibit the person in the “closet” from conveying a more complete sense of being.
COUCH SURFING	The practice among individuals without a fixed home address when they crash for a night or more at another’s house, sleeping most often on the floor or sofa.
CRITICAL DISABILITY THEORY	A theory seeking pathways of freedom for a particular group, in this case disabled people. Horkheimer (1982) also suggests three attributes for a critical theory: explanations as to what is wrong in society with regard to disabled people; identification of changes in society able to occur for this group and; description of goals for social transformation. There also is some sense of normativity with regard to how criticism is constructed.
DISABILITY	A disability is any restriction resulting from an impairment, of ability to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being (Blocksidge, 2003; WHO, 1980)
DISEASE	Emanates from medical discourse. A pathological condition of a body part or organ caused by the interplay of external and internal factors (environmental, social, economic, viral, stress and bacteria expressed through a variety of symptoms. Often used synonymously with disorder (Blocksidge, 2003; WHO, 1980).
DISORDER	Emanates from medical discourse. Often used synonymously with disease. A condition where there is a