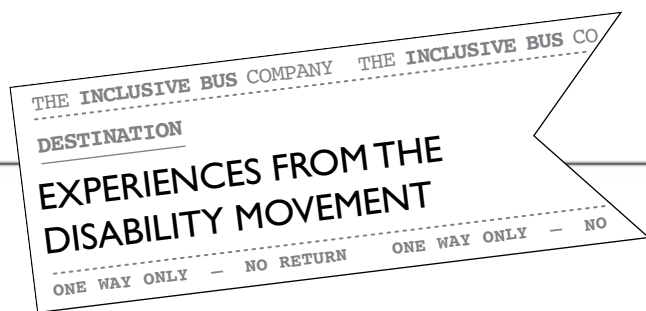


Reality check



TIME

60 Minutes



MATERIALS

- **Handout 6** on disability organisations and Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs).

Local context is where reality 'bites' where development and disability are concerned. Either of the following two activities can be used at this stage, depending on that context. Where you have connections with and knowledge of the local disability movement (DPOs and self-help groups), invite them to give a presentation as outlined in this session. If you are not involving DPOs and self-help groups, do the alternative Activity 7 (Excuses excuses) at this point.

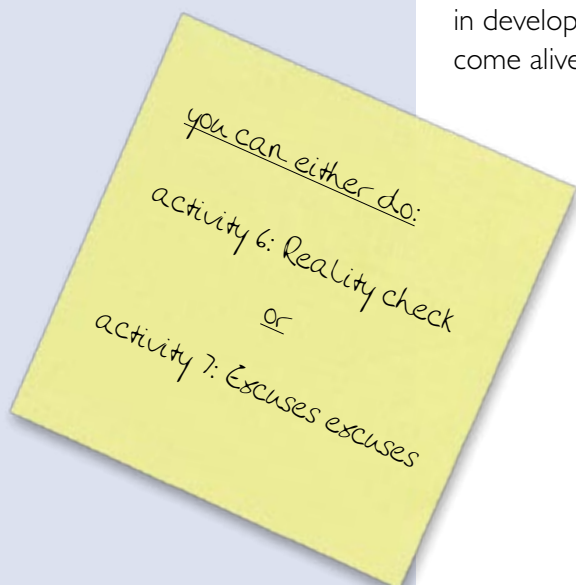
METHOD

Where you have a good relationship or knowledge of the local disability movement, this can be an excellent opportunity for participants to learn first-hand how disabled people are working to influence communities, service providers and government for inclusion.

Invite one or two local DPO representatives to give a short presentation on the work of their DPO. Then answer questions from the group.

MOTIVE

Feedback shows that direct input from DPOs – especially where they share stories from their own experiences – is powerful in the training room. This session is about highlighting why disabled people are important in development work. So first-hand accounts make the local situation come alive.



CRITICAL POINTS FOR TRAINER

Brief presenters ahead of the workshop. Here are some guidelines:

- describe your DPO – when it was set up, who it represents and where it works;
- describe some of the main achievements of your DPO over the last year;
- what are some of the main barriers facing disabled people locally?