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Baroness Jane Campbell

Political activist, member of the House of Lords, NDACA Patron

Baroness Campbell has been a campaigner for all her adult life. Throughout her 35-year career she has combined an incredible knowledge of the UK's judicial system with a constant need to fight with for justice - to progress equality and human rights for disabled people.

In 1996 Baroness Campbell co-founded and directed the National Centre for Independent Living (NCIL). She is an active leader in the social care field and a campaigner and adviser for disability reforms. In 1996 she co-authored a book entitled Disability Politics. She is currently exploring the notion of a human rights perspective of social care, and is active in the debate around assisted dying.

Baroness Campbell is the Patron of the National Disability Arts Collection and Archive. A key deposit of hers to the NDACA is a copy of the Disability Discrimination Act of 1995; this was the first statute to make it unlawful for disabled people to be discriminated against in the UK.

Further deposits to NDACA include photographs which show Baroness Campbell protesting on the streets of London with large coalitions of disabled people's organisations. These were the historical moments of a 15-year campaign for anti-discrimination legislation for disabled people.

Quote from Baroness Campbell

'We are extremely pleased that HLF is funding the landmark National Disability Arts Collection And Archive: in these testing times for disabled people, when disability hate crime is on the increase; assisted-suicide pressures intensifying, and support services diminishing - there is no better time to show that great cultural revolution of the disability arts movement, which NDACA will record and which I am proud to have played a part in.'

Disability Arts Movement highlights

Instrumental in the passing of the Disability Discrimination Act of 1995

In 1996 Campbell was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE).

Baroness Jane Campbell was made a member of the House of Lords in 2007

Further reading

Baroness Campbell was Commissioner of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) from 2006-08, serving as Chair of the Disability Committee as part of the EHRC Disability Programme. Read more at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/en

Former Chair of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE), see: www.scie.org.uk
Commissioner of the Disability Rights Commission: www.drc.org.uk



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