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Bochum Center for Disability Studies

research center at EvH Bochum, founded in 2015

Core Activities

- **research** for an inclusive society
- human rights-oriented education
- promoting inclusion through **knowledge transfer**
- sustainability

Online Information Hub

www.bodys-wissen.de

Research Objectives

- society- and application-oriented research on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- establishing a flexible and participatory model of research
- intersectional approaches on (planning of) research
- building international, national, and regional research networks
- making research results usable for the disability rights movement

Research Principles

- multi- / inter- / trans-disciplinary approaches
- participation
- accessibility / reasonable accommodations
- intersectionality
- internationality

Human Rights-Based Research

UN-CRPD as starting point for participative, emancipatory, and inclusive research

fundament: human rights model of disability

perspective: critical of ableism

aim: equality for disabled persons (ending pater-nalism, forced treatments, and segregation)

research process on all levels **accessible and inclusive**

research informed by and its outputs returned to the **disability movement**

Research Examples

- IKSL – Initiative Competence Centers for Independent Living in NRW: participative evaluation and knowledge transfer (2016-2020, funded by MAGS NRW and ESF)
- Securing choices! – Housing for disabled persons with complex support needs (2016-2019, funded by Stiftung Wohlfahrtspflege)

Promotion of Junior Researchers

- research projects: AKTIF, DARE
- doctorates
- regional doctoral college PK NRW
- TiFo – Tiefes Forschen (EvH Bochum)

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