

# How stigma effects us: the voice of self-advocates with IDD

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# UNCRPD 2006 Article 8

Raising Society's awareness on the rights of people with disabilities, ***combating prejudice discrimination*** and harmful practices and promoting their capabilities & contribution.





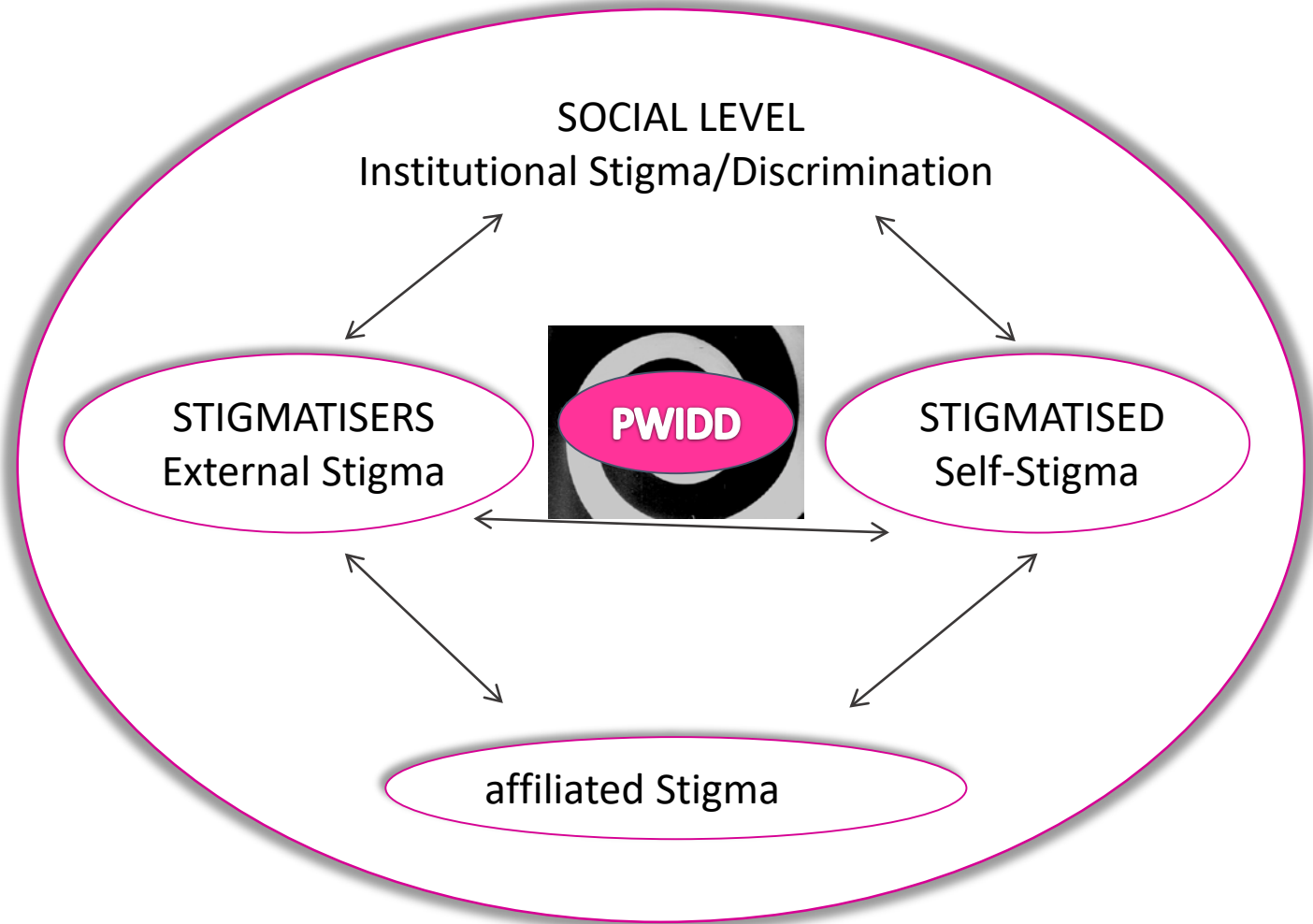
# Stereotypes, Prejudice, Stigma

Stigma is conceptualized as a set of prejudicial attitudes, stereotypes, discriminatory behaviors and biased social structures endorsed by a sizeable group about a discredited subgroup (Corrigan 2000).





# Presence and Impact of Stigma



Adapted from Corrigan & Fong, 2014 & Katrina Scior et. al (2014)



If we have learned something from the USA human rights movement, it is that when others speak for you, you lose.

Ed Roberts (1989)

often called the father of the Independent Living movement





# Study design and Process

Researcher ← Research Question



Researchers & PWIDD ← Consulting Committee



1. Relevance / Importance of Issue
2. Who Should participate
3. How should it be conducted

1. Very Important, Painful
2. National self-advocates group members, or SA group that raised the issue
3. administered groups, not individually



Researchers & PWIDD ← Semi Structured Focus group(s)



Researcher ← Analyses



Researchers & PWIDD ← Consulting Committee



Conclusions/ Recommendations



# Researches questions

1. Examine the presence of stigma in PWIDD lives and the level of internalizing the Stigma?
2. How and in what forms do PWIDD experience stigma in their lives?



# Questions suggested by consultants with IDD

- Why are people afraid of us?
- Why are they reluctant to interact with us?
- Why do people think we are stupid?
- Why can't people accept us as we are?
- Why can't people believe in us?
- Are we really disabled?
- Why do people feel pity towards us?
- Why do people think we need charity?
- Why do families and others tell us we cannot do things?



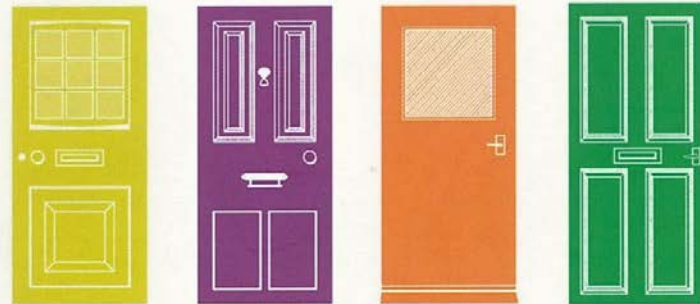


# Results

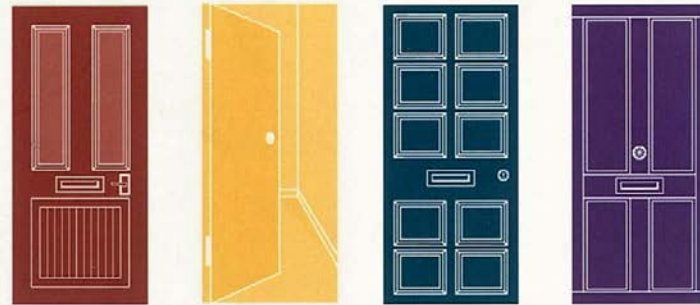
- Emotional impact of Stigma.
- Difficulty understanding why stigma occurs and directed toward us
- Confusion in self-concept and identity
- Ignoring as a typical response to experiencing stigma
- The opportunity provided by self-advocacy



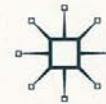
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