

Karl Marx, the Reserve Army of Labour and people with learning disabilities

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Karl Marx was
a famous...

Thinker

Writer

'Do-er'

Reserve Army of Labour... people out of work, on the edge of work, in low paid insecure work

Reserve Army of Labour

Simple Explanation

One job, one applicant

We Win!

One job
Lots of applicants
We lose!!

Reserve army keeps down wages for
EVERYBODY

What's this got to do with us?

Myths

1. People with learning disabilities don't work – they do and always have
2. People with learning disabilities can't work – they can and do and always have
3. People with learning disabilities don't want to work – they do and always have

Because these myths are so powerful, people with learning disabilities are kept out of work, on the edge of work, in low paid work – in the Reserve Army of Labour
This means people live their lives counting the pennies, on the edge of poverty

Lots of clever, famous people have argued that poverty is one of the major causes of learning disabilities.

They argue that helping people into work is a way out of poverty and helps people progress

Jack Tizard

The Kennedys

Josiah Wedgwood

Peter Mittler

People with learning disabilities in War
– what we found out

Arthur Pew
Lance Corporal
19th Kings Royal
Rifle Corps

FINALLY!

Throughout history 'people with learning disabilities'...

- Always worked – even before something called 'mental deficiency' was invented
- Since then always worked at times – during war – as soldiers on the front line with responsibilities for others
- Always want to work
- Denied and kept in low paid jobs because they are considered 'learning disabled' and incapable
- They are part of a 'Reserve Army of Labour'

That needs to end!!