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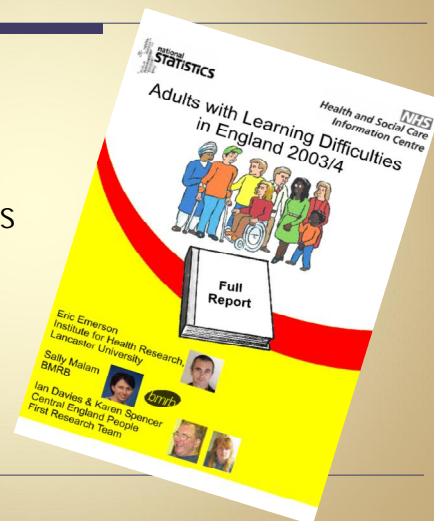
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- Three questions
    - What are the key dimensions of inclusion?
    - How well are we doing in supporting the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities?
    - What promotes inclusion and what are the barriers to inclusion?
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- Multiple definitions and meanings, but ...
- Inclusion in customary, normative or valued modes of social participation
- Which modes or dimensions?
  - Consumption
  - Production
  - Political and civic engagement
  - Social interaction

Burchardt, Le Grand & Piachaud (2002)

- Lack of robust comparative information
  - over time and across countries
- ..... but 'not well'





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- British families with children living in income poverty (2003-2007)
    - 30% if one or more child has intellectual disability
    - 19% if none has intellectual disability
  - English adults (age 16-65) in paid employment (2003/4)
    - 17% if have intellectual disability
    - 60% if not
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- English adults who voted in the 2001 General Election
    - 31% if have intellectual disability
    - 72% if not
  - English adults who have no contact with friends
    - 31% if have intellectual disability
    - 3% if not
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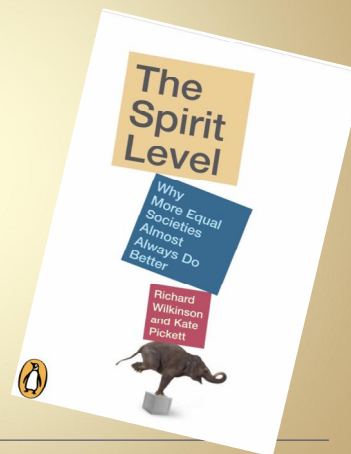
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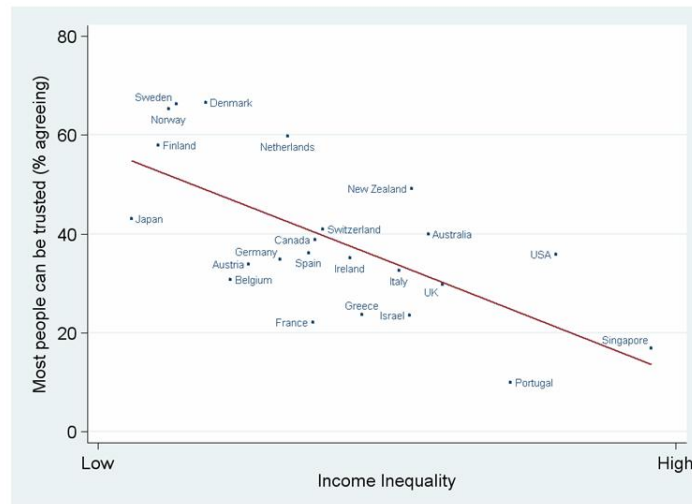
- Some people with intellectual disabilities are more at risk of *exclusion* than others
  - Being poor or living in a poor area
  - Belonging to a minority ethnic group
  - Having poor health
  - Being younger
- *How we provide services and supports makes a difference*
  - More resources
  - Smaller size
  - More personalised
  - More inclusive

- Communities, governments and social organisation matters
  - Effective implementation of disability discrimination legislation
  - Social marketing
  - Many social problems are strongly related to levels of social inequality (not wealth)





### Levels of Trust are Higher in More Equal Rich Countries



Source: Wilkinson & Pickett, *The Spirit Level* (2009)

- Science and research are important for ..
  - Measuring and monitoring progress toward the inclusion of people with disabilities
  - Better understanding who is put at greatest risk of exclusion
  - Making progress toward inclusion



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