

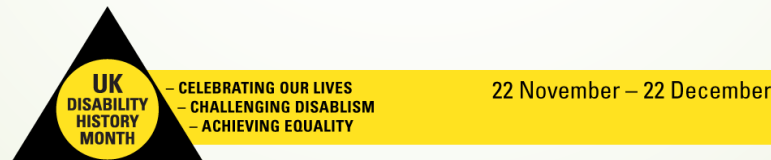


Disability History Month 2016





UK Disability History Month (UKDHM) 2016 will focus on the language used to describe disabled people and the language disabled use to express themselves. This includes literature, history, oral history and coverage in the newspapers and other print media. Through the lens of language UKDHM aims to seek to gain a greater understanding of disabled people's oppression in the past and now, as well as how through human rights and the social model approach to disability, barriers can be removed.



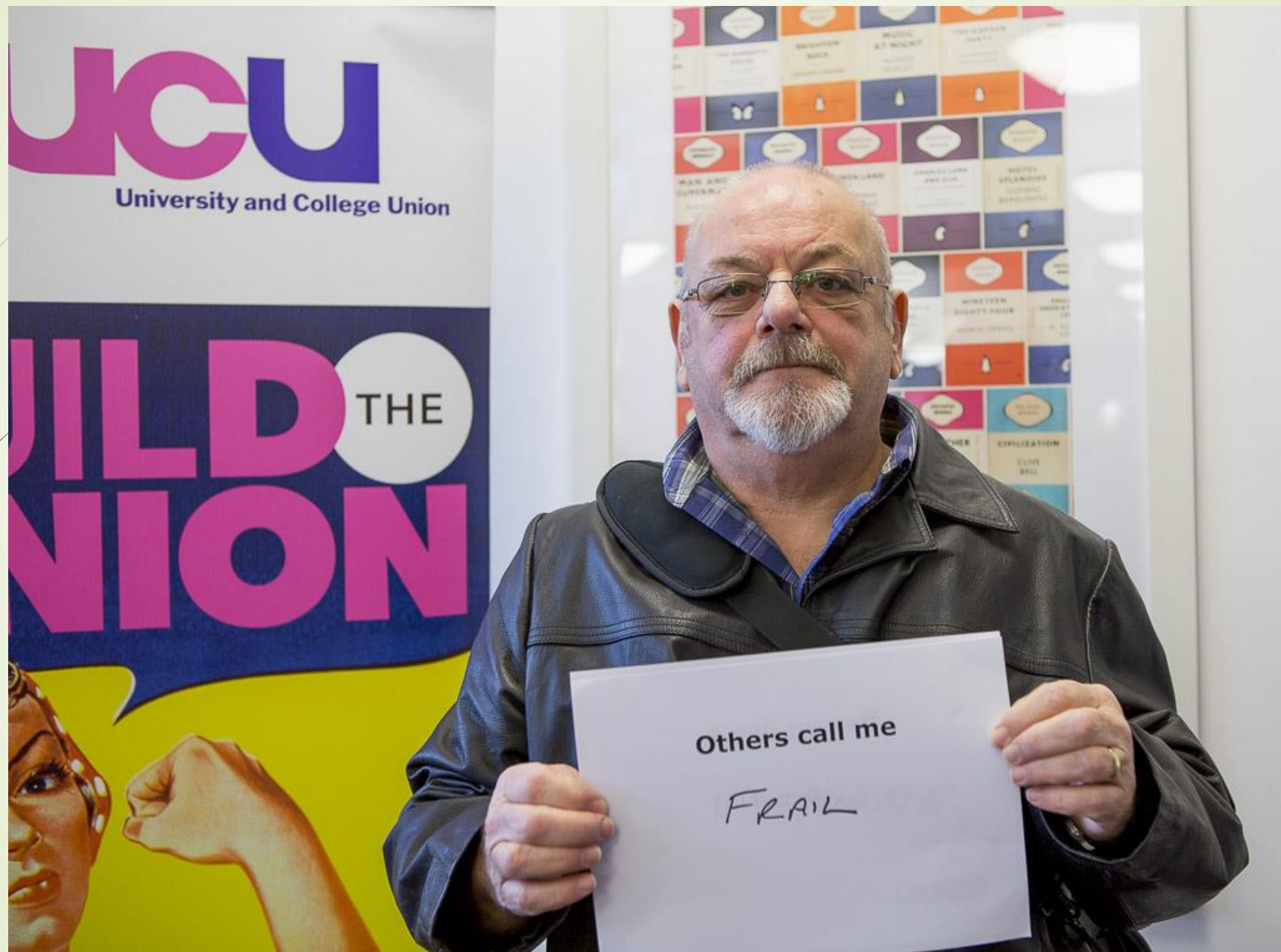


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What others call me

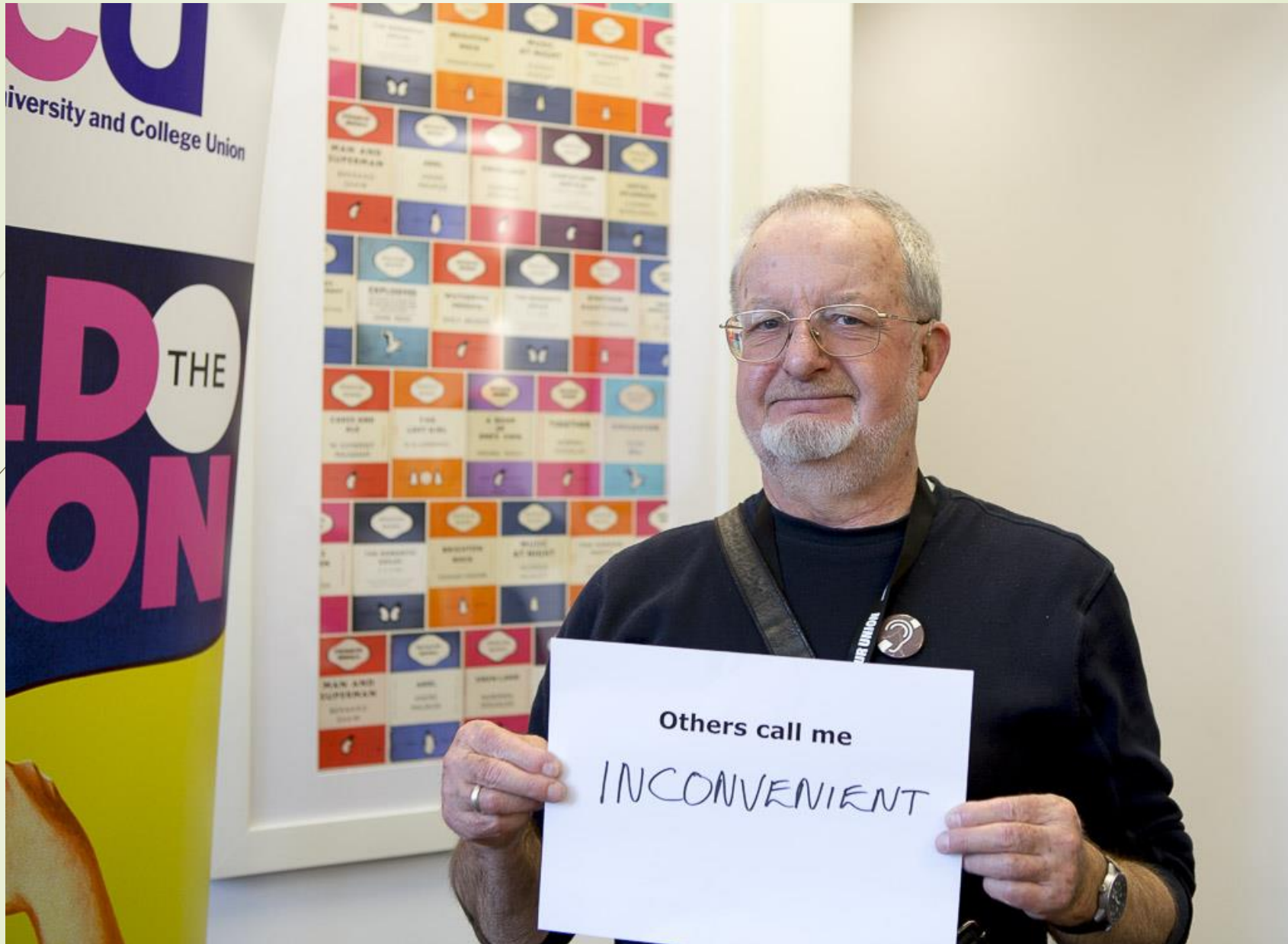


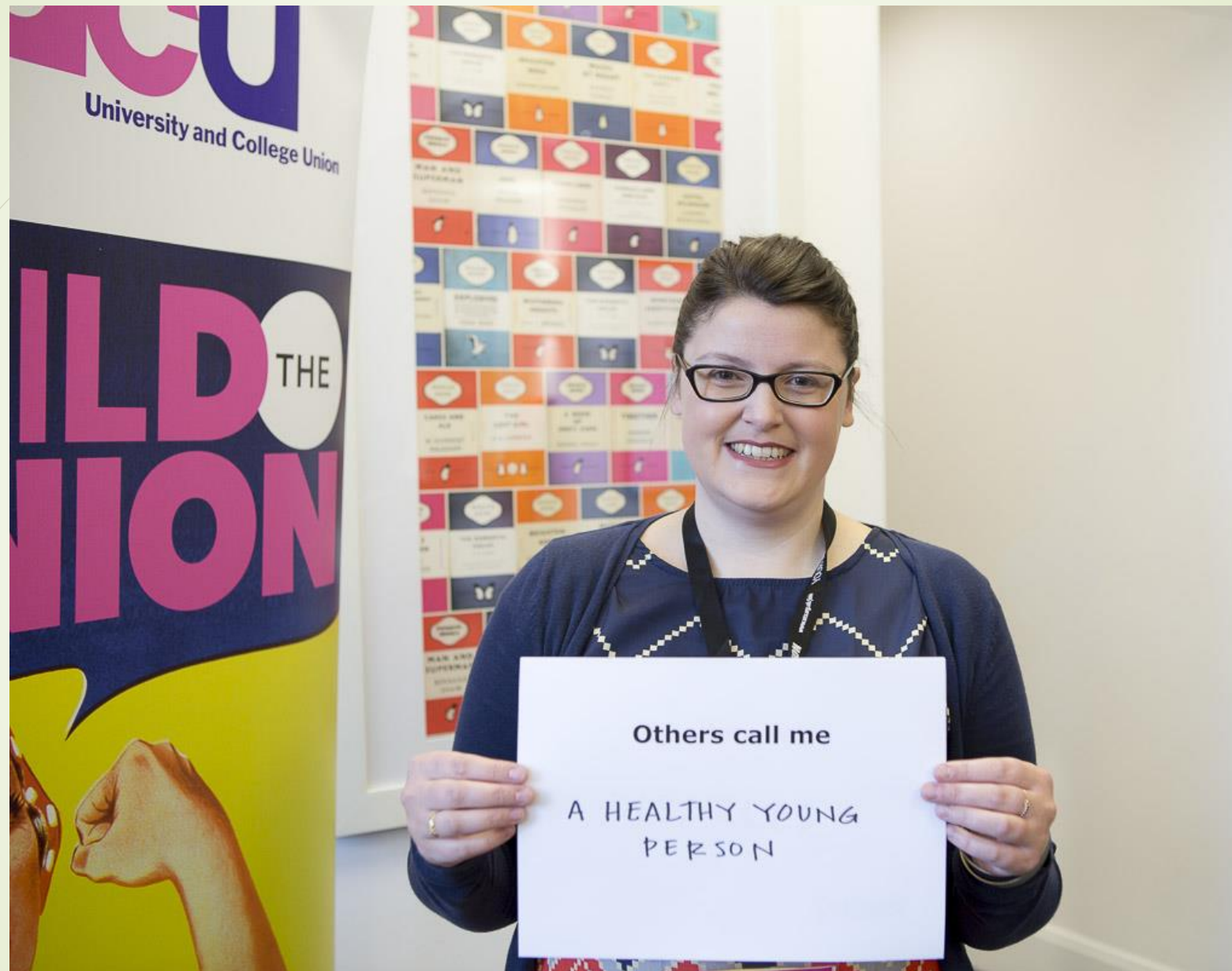




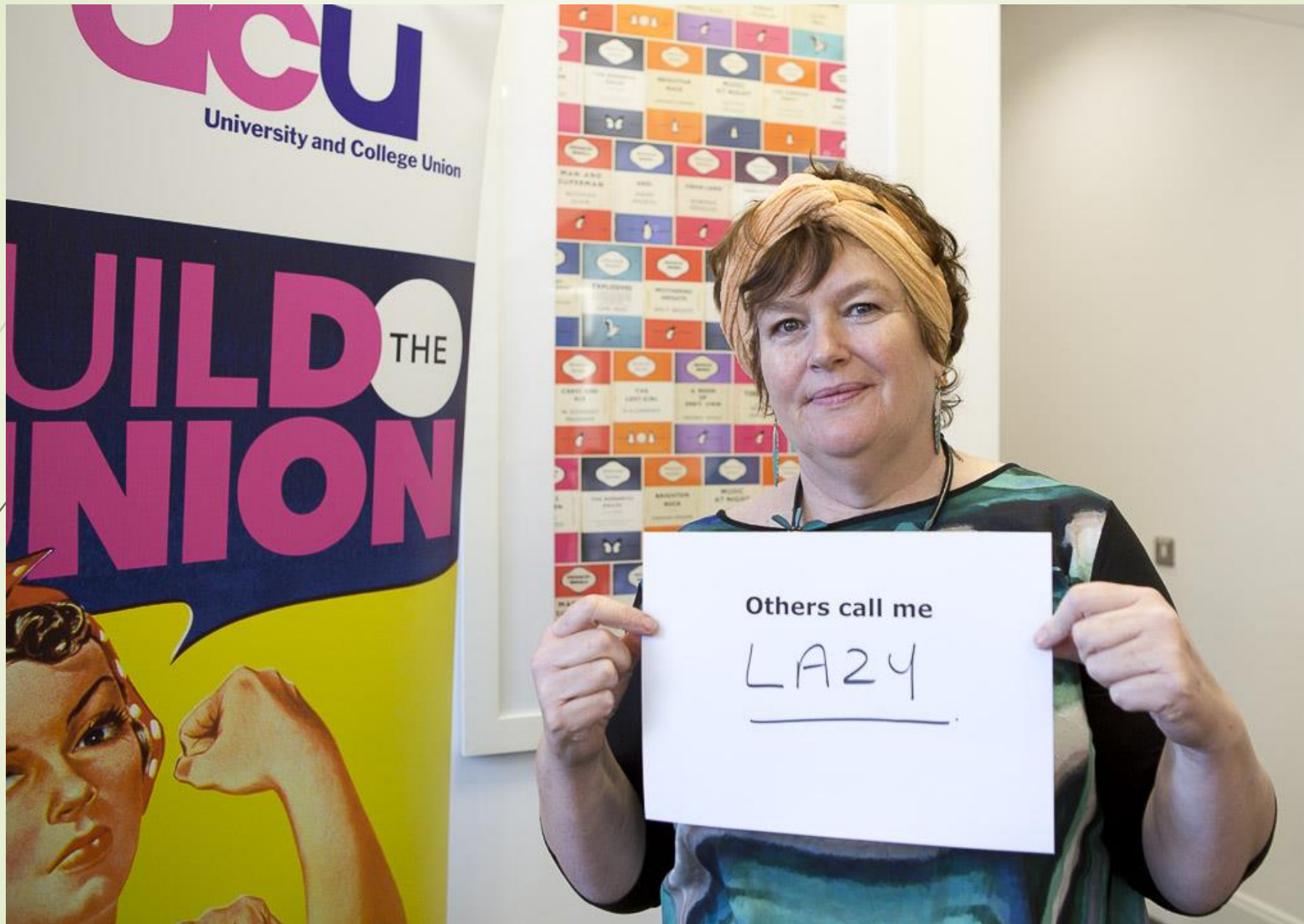
















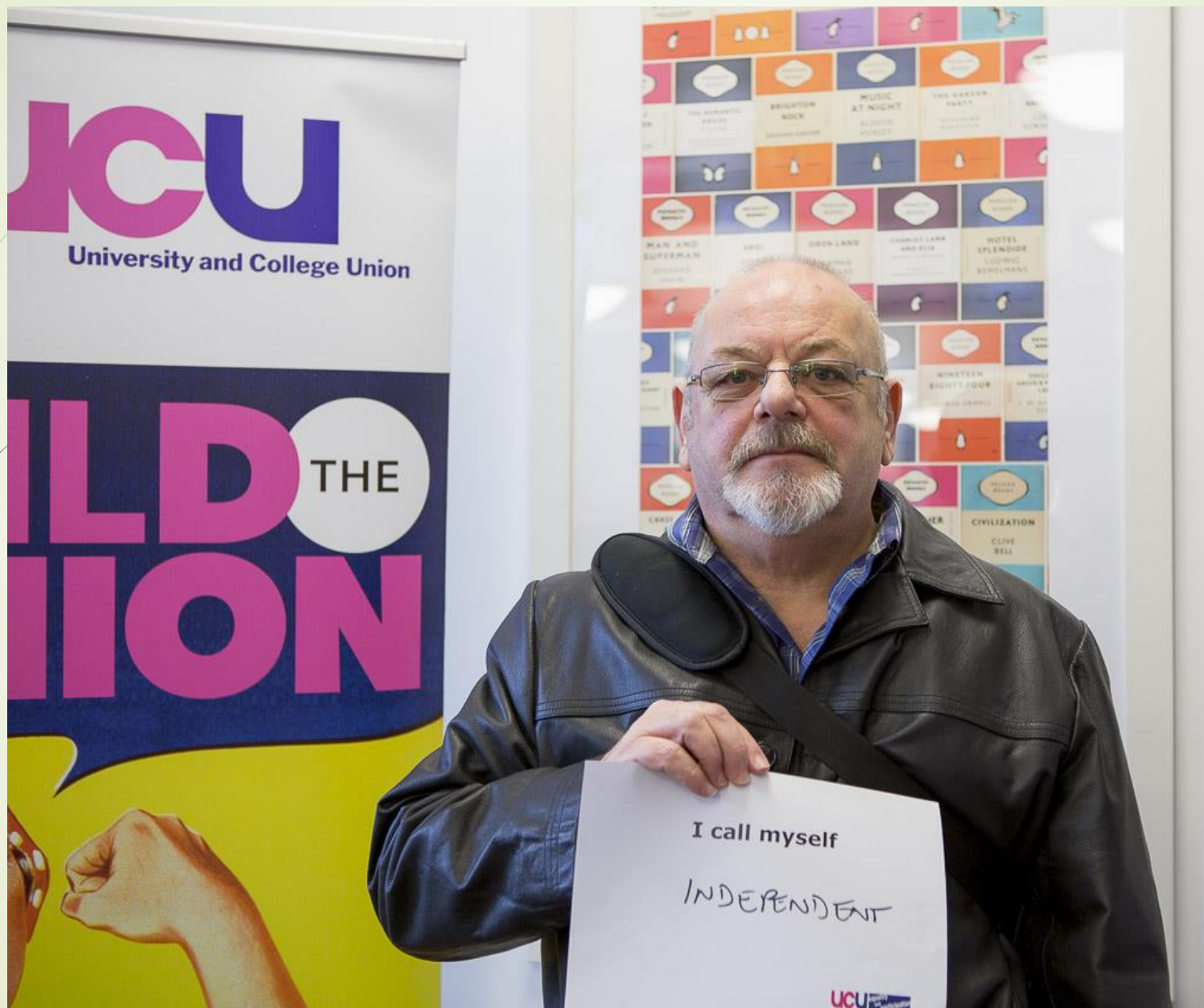
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What I call myself
























The social model of disability says that disability is caused by the way society is organised, rather than by a person's impairment or difference. It looks at ways of removing barriers that restrict life choices for disabled people. When barriers are removed, disabled people can be independent and equal in society, with choice and control over their own lives.

Disabled people developed the social model of disability because the traditional medical model did not explain their personal experience of disability or help to develop more inclusive ways of living.

An impairment is defined as long-term limitation of a person's physical, mental or sensory function.

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