Appendix 2 – Top 100 disabled people in the UK

Jackie Driver

Jackie Driver, Programme principle at the Equality and Human Rights Commission

Jackie Driver supports a wide range of organisations to help create the right conditions for greater inclusion and life chances of D/deaf and disabled people.

She has been active in the transformation of Greater Manchester through devolution, where she is currently seconded out to Manchester Health and Care Commissioning to develop and implement its inclusion Strategy together with the new Local Care Organisation to create a system-wide approach. She also co-chairs the Our Manchester Disability Plan: the first co-produced plan across all sectors to identify and remove remaining barriers in the city to disabled people.

Jackle has also worked with local governments, been a member of the Homes and Communities Agency equality advisory board, is the former Head of Good Relations at the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and sits on the advisory board of Result CIC which coaches people from marginalised groups.

Over the past year Jackle has given the Edward Rushton lecture and continued to promote Breakthrough UK, an organisation aimed at improving the life chances of disabled people through employment, training and independent living opportunities. She is the Chair for Sign Health, shaping it towards being a D/deaf-led organisation.

Jackie says: "I am not the first, nor will I be the last to use my influence towards getting public servants, elected representatives, MPs and ministers to understand and implement what empowering services and an inclusive society could look like for disabled people, but together, collectively, we do make progress, and that is why 'nothing about us, without us' remains our significant theme."