

"Mobility Justice for Persons with Disability: body-environment: interactions and velomobility." by Glen Norcliffe and John Radford

Everyone has a right to travel, both in their own neighbourhood and further away. One way to travel is by bicycle. Riding a bike allows people to get about, visit friends and enjoy open spaces and fresh air.

It can help people to be independent.

But bicycles are hard to ride. You have to get on and off, and while you are riding you have to keep your balance. And most of our roads are designed for and filled with cars, trucks and buses which add to the danger.

For many years, designers and builders have been coming up with different models of cycles that make riding easier. Some are made for two people, and there are also tricycles and other designs. But these are often hard to find, and when you do find one that is suitable it will probably cost a lot. So there are still problems.

Our research finds that making new types of cycle has been quite successful. Social attitudes are much more of a problem. Too many people think that persons with disability cannot ride any kind of cycle. And without better access to well-paying jobs many people cannot afford to buy or even rent one. So we must continue to support the movement for human rights for all persons with disability.