

EPILEPSY is more than SEIZURES



Hello, I'm Lucy

I am just 1 of about 6 million people living in Europe who have epilepsy.



Hello, I'm Robert

The kids in my class won't play with me just because I happen to have epilepsy.



Hello, I'm Sarah

I am well educated and hardworking but no-one will employ me because I have epilepsy.



Hello, I'm Jack

I have epilepsy and I worry that I won't have the support I will need as I get older.



Hello, I'm Dr Jones

As a doctor I recognise the need for increased funding for epilepsy research.

There are many types of epilepsy. Some start when a child is very young; others develop later in life. Causes vary or may be unknown. As well as seizures, epilepsy can have other neurological, cognitive, social and psychological consequences.

Please support epilepsy training for teachers and information campaigns in schools to raise awareness about epilepsy. This will reduce the discrimination and stigma that children with epilepsy may face on a daily basis.

Please help ensure that appropriate legislation is in place to protect people with epilepsy in the workplace. People with epilepsy should not be denied access to gainful employment solely on the basis that they have epilepsy.

As life expectancy increases and people live longer, there is a marked increase in the prevalence of late-onset epilepsy. Governments must be made aware that this will increase pressure on health service provision in the future.

Approximately 70% of people who have epilepsy have their seizures controlled. Research on the causes of epilepsy and the introduction of novel treatments could support more people with epilepsy to live full and independent lives.