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## The Economic Inclusion of Disabled People - Final Report Available

In 2009, ekosgen in partnership with Breakthrough UK, was commissioned by the Northwest Regional Development Agency to carry out research into the economic inclusion and participation of disabled people in the North West.

The research provides an evidence base about the profile of disabled people, their current participation and the barriers and challenges they face.

The study comprised:

- a review of literature and best practice;
- a review of published data sources and subsequent data collection and analysis;
- an online survey of 217 disabled people;
- four area based focus groups with disabled people;
- stakeholder focus groups to explore barriers to economic inclusion, existing solutions and challenges;
- an online survey of 45 employers in the Northwest.

The report is available to download at the link to the Northwest Research and Intelligence Unit website below:

[http://www.nwriu.co.uk/research\\_and\\_intelligence/society/society\\_publications/inclusion\\_of\\_disabled\\_people.aspx](http://www.nwriu.co.uk/research_and_intelligence/society/society_publications/inclusion_of_disabled_people.aspx)