

The Right to Social Security deems 'everyone has the right to social security and the government must make sure there is a social security system in place that provides money or other support to help people who need it'.

This is Thriving Women's response:

Dealing with the Government

Sat in a cave,
Left behind
I see a crack of light

I complain to the powers above
"Why is there only a crack that gives me hope?"
They apologise and close up the crack

Every time I think of having an appointment with someone from the DWP, my mind fills with panic.

I have disabilities and am also a carer for my adult daughter, who is severely disabled, yet I'm left feeling worthless because I'm not considered 'economically active.'

I'm terrified that my only viable income option will be snatched away from me again.

For Equality

After hundreds of years of so-called civilisation progression, the ever growing oppressed and marginalised members of society are perpetually indoctrinated by the ruling classes into being undeserving.

Expected to be grateful for scraps of anything resembling basic human rights, when we are the foundation of civilisation.

Perhaps it would be wise not to shake the very foundations you build your civilisations upon.

Lived experiences affecting equality in a socioeconomic society.

Generational trauma.

Family dynamics, developing in an environment subject to poverty, domestic violence, witnessing drug addiction, parents with mental and physical health issues.

Experiencing child abuse, emotional neglect, interrupted education, lack of educational support, leading to unhealthy coping strategies.

Growing up in a single parent environment.

Becoming a teen single parent.

Experiencing cyclical poverty, domestic violence, mental health issues and drug abuse as a young adult/single parent.

Poverty

Has he changed?
What?
Does severe non-verbal autism just disappear?
Tell me please, how does it get better?
Do I have a magic wand?
Do you?
Your letters induce such stress
Your mammoth renewal forms
Overwhelm my already battered mind
No, nothing has changed
Not for the better
It only gets worse
And worse
Yet your paltry payment
Will not increase
Not one bit
So why?
Why write to us?
Why even ask?
Why review him?
Who benefits from this interrogation?
Not my son
Not families like ours
Stop doing this
Abandon your witch hunt

Freedom

Life is not steady
When you are in a situation
Where you are not free,
Unable to do anything
To your situation when you don't know
What your next minute
Holds for you,
Because you don't have your
Freedom.

PIP Forms

I want universal credit to work!
To support those in need,
Not leave them s rapping pennies to feed,
Their struggling families,
Whilst those in charge continue in greed,
Telling us we don't deserve luxuries,
Like nice food and vacations,
Women supporting their young, potential prodigies,
Denied access to equity,
Denied their potential through social classes,
Looked down on and judged,
Like they just sit on their asses!

The benefit system is cruel and heartless, with no flexibility or thought for how it affects people's mental health.

Being on the breadline is tough enough without the constant threats of punishment.

You can't lift people out of poverty if you don't even see them as human.

But maybe that's the end game.