



NO OUTSIDERS

Celebrating Everyone's
Difference and Belonging

WHAT DOES 'NO OUTSIDERS' MEAN?

We All Belong

'No Outsiders' means everyone is welcome, regardless of differences.

Fairness and Respect

It teaches equal and kind treatment for all, embracing diverse appearances, movements, speech, and thoughts.

British Values

This aligns with British values of mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.



MEET THE FILM WICKED

A Popular Story

Wicked, a famous musical, now a film, follows Elphaba and Nessarose, two girls who become very different.

A Magical World

Set in a fantasy land, it teaches real-life lessons about friendship, fairness, and being yourself.

Today's Focus

We're learning how the film is including real disabled actors for the first time.



NESSAROSE AND HER WHEELCHAIR

Who Is Nessarose?

Nessarose, Elphaba's sister, uses a wheelchair.

A Big Change

Historically, actors who could walk pretended to use a wheelchair for the role.

Why Is This Important?

Now, for the first time, a real wheelchair user plays Nessarose. This is called authentic casting.



MEET MARISSA BODE

A Real-Life Actor

Marissa Bode, who plays Nessarose, uses a wheelchair in real life.

She's Proud & Making History

She's "over the moon" to be the first wheelchair user to portray Nessarose in a major film, embracing her true self on screen.



WHAT IS REPRESENTATION?



Seeing Yourself

Representation: seeing yourself in books, films, and TV.



Feeling Included

When you see someone like you, it can make you feel seen and valued.



Inspiring Others

It shows everyone that all kinds of people can be heroes and stars.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Pretending vs. Being

An actor who can walk pretending to use a wheelchair doesn't show the real experience.

Real Stories

Disabled actors share true feelings and actions.

Fair Chances

It opens doors for disabled actors to have big roles.



MARISSA'S MESSAGE

"I didn't see many people like me growing up."

Marissa rarely saw disabled people in films.

"Now I can help others feel less alone."

She wants children using wheelchairs to feel proud and hopeful.

"Disability is not fictional."

Her disability is real, not something to be 'fixed' in a story.



CHANGING THE STORY

Old Storyline

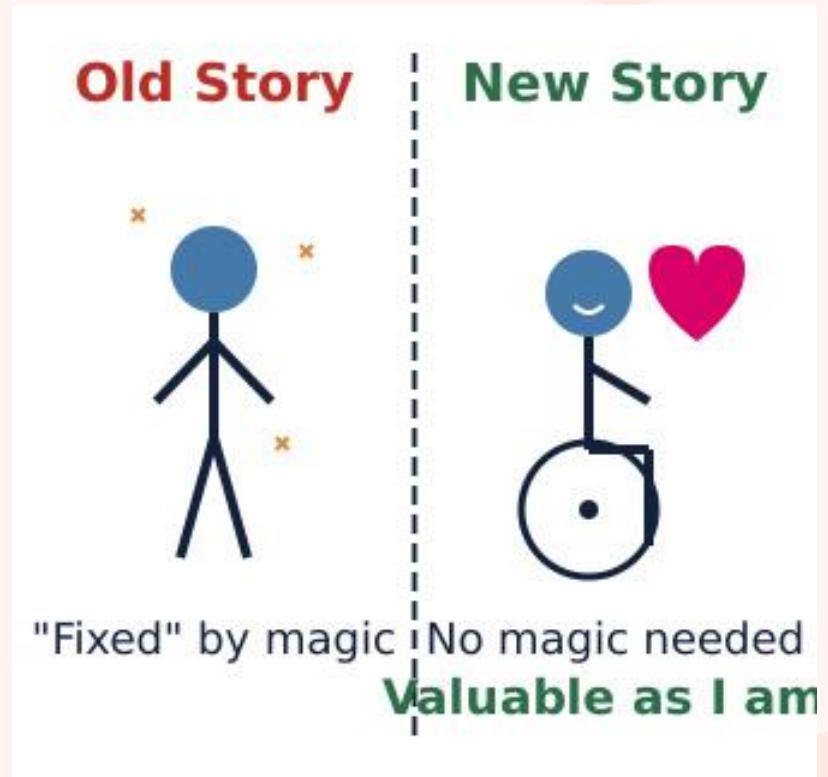
In original *Wicked*, Elphaba magically makes Nessarose walk.

Why Was This a Problem?

It implied disability needed fixing.

The New Version

Now, Nessarose remains in her wheelchair. Her life is full and valuable as it is, affirming that disability doesn't diminish worth.



OLD VS. NEW MESSAGE



Old Message

Disability is a problem to be fixed.
Being 'normal' means walking.



New Message

Disability is part of who someone is.
People can be happy and strong just as they are.

WHAT IS VISIBILITY?

Being Seen

Visibility means showing disabled people in media.

Why It Helps

Seeing disabled people living full lives fosters acceptance and respect.

Marissa's Hope

She believes increased visibility can significantly improve how people treat each other.





“JUST CHILLING”

Marissa's Words

She says: *“The more we see disabled people just chilling, just kicking it, the more people will treat us as equals.”*

What Does 'Just Chilling' Mean?

It means doing everyday things — laughing, talking, relaxing — without being 'inspirational' or 'fixed'.

Why It's Powerful

Being ordinary is powerful. Everyone deserves to just be.

BARRIERS FOR DISABLED ACTORS

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Access Issues

Theatres/film sets often lack wheelchair accessibility.

Unfair Assumptions

Disabled actors are wrongly underestimated.

Few Opportunities

Fewer roles exist for disabled characters.

Casting Habits

Directors often cast non-disabled actors by habit.

PAVING THE WAY

What Does It Mean?

To 'pave the way' means to ease things for those who follow.

Marissa's Role

In *Wicked*, she proves disabled actors belong in major films.

Future Change

More inclusive casting like this could lead to fairer opportunities for all actors.



NO OUTSIDERS AND BRITISH VALUES



Respect & Equality

Respect all people, regardless of ability.

Inclusion

'No Outsiders' means everyone belongs



Fairness Equal chances for all.

Kindness Understand others to treat them well.

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES

