Ethics and Intellectual Disability: Perspectives for a common purpose.

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Beginning with a story: **Trudy’s* story**
*(Trudy is a pseudonym)*

*http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Park_Centre_for Mental_Health*
Why tell this story?

http://www.ualberta.ca/~initativ/Disability_ethics.html
So what is happening here?

http://www.ualberta.ca/~initativ/Repository.html
But what do I mean by ‘ethics’?


Escher’s Belvedere
http://www.artchive.com/artchive/e/escher/escher_belvedere.jpg.html

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How do we decide what is ethical?


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http://www.schindia.com/2012/10/09/day-60-of-105-prakash/

fun-classroom-activities-students-intellectual-disabilities
In Western Culture, ethics is typically shaped by:

Aristotle

John Locke

Rene Descartes

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Moral **Inclusion** and Moral **Exclusion**

PERSON =
A white, rational, independent, propertied male who has capacity to reason.
What are the implications – historically?

Alfred Binet 1857-1911


http://www.mentalhelp.net/poc/view_doc.php?type=doc&id=10329&cn=208

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Through rights movements, changes began to happen ...

A rational, independent, propertied male person who has capacity to reason – now including other males, women, children, people of colour, people with disability.
Changes towards Community-based Practices

Inclusion

http://www.herkimerarc.org/page/ages-18-62

http://wn.com/American_Association_on_Mental_Retardation


http://www.communityliving.org.nz/


http://www.tcd.ie/niid/news/
Changes in understanding disability

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Disabled Persons in 1975

http://www.worldofinclusion.com/medical_social_model.htm
Revised Moral Inclusion and Moral Exclusion

PERSON =
A rational, independent, propertied male person who has capacity to reason – now including other males, women, children, people of colour, people with physical / sensory impairments and conditionally, some with cognitive impairments.

People with cognitive impairment

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What are some implications?


How can we respond?

http://www.ahrcentre.org/news/2012/10/19/433

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

DISABILITY RIGHTS NOW

CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Compiled by Disability Representative, Advocacy, Legal and Human Rights Organisations

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What are other implications?

http://www.open.edu/openlearn/tags/inside-the-ethics-committee

http://disabilityand.me/category/ethics-and-disability/

http://courseconnector.uoregon.edu/wgs-331

http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1887206,00.html

http://pn.bmj.com/content/11/1/2.full

Further Arguments presented by Ethicists

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A rational, independent, propertied male person who has capacity to reason – now including other rational persons: women, children, people of colour, people with physical / sensory disability.

People with cognitive impairment
Contesting work
Implications for Ethics


http://www.ualberta.ca/~initativ/The_Initiative.html
The Conference Theme

Different perspectives, common purpose

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And the result ...

Every person deserves the chance to reach his or her full potential

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