Believe to Achieve...

Johnny Depp (Actor) Visually Impaired



Johnny Depp is blind in one eye and near sighted in the other. "Everything is just very, very blurry." (Mail Online)

Johnny Depp has been a successful actor in films such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Edward Scissor Hands, Alice Through the Looking Glass and Pirates of the Caribbean.

He has won several awards throughout his career.

Stephen Hawking (Scientist) – *Motor-Neuron Disease*



Stephen Hawking has a rare early-onset slowprogressing form of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as motor neurone disease that has gradually paralysed him over the decades.

He has made important contributions to the scientific world. He is most famous for his work on black holes.

"By losing the finer dexterity of my hands, I was forced to travel through the universe in my mind and try to visualize the ways in which it worked." (Biography)

Cerrie Burnell (Presenter) – *lower arm missing*



Cerrie Burnell was born with a right arm that ends just below the elbow.

She is an actress, singer, playwright and children's author. You probably know her as a television presenter on the BBC children's channel CBeebies.

"People assume there is a sadness attached to a disability like this. But to me, there is no sadness." (Telegraph)

Justin Timberlake (Singer-songwriter and Actor) – <u>ADD and OCD</u>

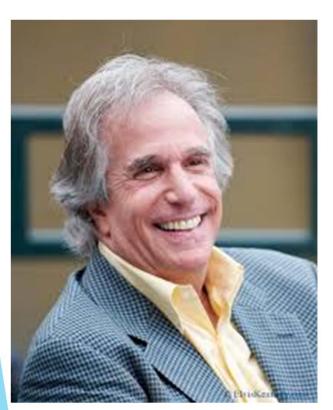


Justin Timberlake has Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

Justin Timberlake had a successful music career and also starred in films and TV programmes such as Trolls, Shrek the Third and The Simpsons.

"Timberlake says he still loves to perform and OCD doesn't stop him from living." (Disabled World Towards Tomorrow)

Henry Winkler (Actor and Author) – <u>Dyslexia</u>



Henry Winkler was not diagnosed with Dyslexia until he was in his 30s.

He came to visit us in school to talk about coping with Dyslexia. He is the author of the Hank Zipzer books and starred in the TV show as Mr Rock in the Hank Zipzer CBBC series.

"I didn't read a book myself until I was 31 years old." (The Guardian)

Chris Packham (Presenter and Wildlife Expert) – <u>Asperger's Syndrome</u>



Chris Packham wasn't diagnosed with Asperger's until he was in his 40s.

He has presented a number of wildlife programmes including Spring and Autumn Watch.

"My name is Chris Packham. What you probably don't know about me, because I've been hiding it most of my life, is that my brain is different than yours because I'm autistic. I've spent 30 years on the telly, trying my best to act normal, when really I'm anything but." (The Telegraph)

Lionel Messi (Footballer) – <u>Asperger's Syndrome</u>



Lionel Messi was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome when he was 8 years old and living in Argentina.

Messi plays for FC Barcelona and internationally for Argentina.

Arsene Wenger is quoted as saying, "Who is the Best Player in the World? Leo Messi. Who is the Best Player Ever? Leo Messi." (Eurosport)

Daniel Radcliffe (Actor) – <u>Dyspraxia</u>



It has not been revealed how old Daniel Radcliffe was when he was diagnosed with Dyspraxia.

Daniel Radcliffe is best known for playing Quidditch in Harry Potter.

He still has trouble with tying his shoe laces and even joked, 'I sometimes think, "Why, oh why, has Velcro not taken off?" (Daily Mail)

Ben Cohen (Rugby Player) – <u>Deaf</u>



Ben Cohen has suffered with Tinnitus his whole life and was told he was going deaf when he was in his 20s. He is now clinically deaf in both ears.

Ben Cohen played rugby for Northampton Saints, Brive in France and Sale Sharks as well as representing England. He set up the Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation to raise awareness of and tackle bullying.

"I've had tinnitus – ringing in my ear – my whole life, but it doesn't bother me. It's part of my life. ... I worked extra hard and never let my disability get in the way." (British Deaf Association)

Jonnie Peacock (Athlete) – <u>Amputee</u>



Jonnie Peacock had his leg amputated when he was 5 years old as a result of meningitis.

Jonnie Peacock has represented Great Britain in a number of Paralympic games including the 2016 Summer Paralympics where he won gold.

"I lost my leg aged five...Now I'm 1.9 seconds behind Usain Bolt." (Lifestyle)

"This is my life and I absolutely love it. I wouldn't change it for the world. I've done things that other people couldn't dream of." (Evening Standard)

Christopher Slater (Actor) – *Cerebral Palsy*



Christopher Slater has cerebral palsy which affects his physical mobility.

Christopher Slater is best known for playing Frank in The Dumping Ground.

"I was just a boy from South Shields who never thought I was really going to get anywhere so I do feel really proud of myself. Everyone on the show is really nice and fun to work with, and all the cast and crew really looks after me." (Shields Gazette)

Ruben Reuter (Actor) – <u>Downs Syndrome</u>



Ruben Reuter has Down's syndrome.

Ruben Reuter is best known for playing Finn McLaine in The Dumping Ground.

His mum said, "I think it's fantastic for the world because it's one of the first times that a person with Down's Syndrome has had a main role in a series...I think Ruben's appearance will have changed children's and other people's perceptions about those who have Down's

Syndrome...Young people are very accepting with one another and I think it has just taught them that if people are different that's fine." (Huddersfield Daily Examiner)

Warwick and Annabelle Davis (Actor) - <u>Dwarfism</u>



Warwick Davis and his daughter both have rare genetic disorder called spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita (SED), which caused their dwarfism.

Warwick Davis is an actor, television presenter, writer, director and producer. He has presented programmes such as Comic Relief and starred in films such as Star Wars: The Last Jedi.

Annabelle Davis is best known for starring in Star Wars: The force Awakens, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2, The Dumping Ground and Jack the Giant Slayer.

"The world worries about disability more than disabled people do." (Warwick Davis)

Emma Watson (Actor) – <u>ADHD</u>



Emma Watson was diagnosed with ADHD as a child.

Emma Watson has been acting since she was a young child and appeared in films such as Harry Potter and Beauty and the Beast. She is also a United Nations ambassador.

"You only learn from experience, so as much as someone can tell you things, you have to go out there and make your own mistakes in order to learn." (The Telegraph)

Rowan Atkinson (Actor) – <u>Stammer</u>



Rowan Atkinson has had a stammer all his life and was very shy at school.

Rowan Atkinson is best known for playing Mr Bean and has also been in Horrible Histories, The Witches and Scooby-Doo. He was also the voice of Zazu in The Lion King.

"It comes and goes." (The Stuttering Foundation)