

Join us for a special screening with Ken Loach  
of his award-winning film "I, Daniel Blake"

**Tuesday 28 February**



**at the Phoenix Cinema**  
52 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9PJ

**Admission  
FREE**

There will be a  
bucket collection for  
Disabled People  
Against Cuts (DPAC)

● Arrive 5.45 to  
collect tickets

● Film starts:  
6.15pm - 7.45pm

Q & A:  
7.45- 8.40 pm  
**Ken Loach**  
and Paula Peters  
(DPAC) will be on the  
panel, interviewed  
by Aditya  
Chakraborty

Contact Barnet  
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information

# The real Daniel Blakes: disabled people in poverty

2.8 MILLION disabled  
people are in deep poverty  
(< 50% of median  
income). *Source: New  
Policy Institute*

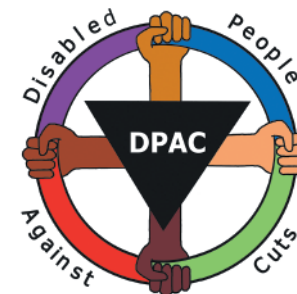
Austerity has been  
targeted at disabled  
people nine times more  
than the general  
population and severely  
disabled people have been  
targeted 19 times more  
than the general  
population. *Source:  
Centre for Welfare Reform*

After the 2016 Budget,  
the Office for Budget  
Responsibility found  
that, 'the government is  
on track by 2020-21 to  
spend the lowest amount  
on welfare, as a  
percentage of GDP, in 30  
years.' *Source: BBC*

90,000 disabled people  
will lose their mobility  
cars under welfare  
reform. *Source  
Fullfact.org*

## Sanctions

In 2015 approximately  
81,000 sanctions were  
applied to disabled  
people, 80% to those on  
JSA and 16,000 to those in  
the ESA Work related  
group. *Source: New Policy  
Institute*



Six out of 10  
employment and support  
allowance (ESA)  
claimants hit with a  
sanction are people with  
a mental health  
condition or learning  
impairment. *Source:  
Benefits and Work*

Sanctions are more  
severe than court fines:  
£286.80 - £11,185.20 for  
benefit sanctions to £200  
- £10,000 for court fines.  
*Source: Dr David Webster*

Offenders in the court  
system cannot be  
punished before a  
hearing, whilst the  
benefit claimant's  
punishment is applied  
right away. *Source: Dr  
David Webster*

Dr David Webster on

benefit sanctions:  
"Benefit sanctions are an  
amateurish, secret penal  
system which is more  
severe than the  
mainstream judicial  
system, but lacks its  
safeguards. It is time for  
everyone concerned for the  
rights of the citizen to  
demand their abolition."

## The Work Capability Assessment (WCA)

A statistical study found  
that the WCA could have  
caused around 590  
suicides, 279,000 cases of  
mental ill health and  
725,000 more  
prescriptions for  
antidepressants. *Source:  
Journal of Epidemiology  
and Community Health.  
The Royal College of  
Psychiatrists also said the  
research was of "high  
quality"*

When the WCA was  
introduced in 2008, it was  
claimed that it would  
lower the number of  
disabled claimants by one  
million over a decade.  
A decade later and the  
number of claimants on  
this benefit is roughly the  
same. *Source: Office for  
Budget Responsibility*

Over the same 10-year  
period, operating the  
WCA has doubled in cost  
to £579m a year, and now  
costs more than it has  
saved. *Source: National  
Audit Office*

Find out more: [www.dpac.uk.net/research](http://www.dpac.uk.net/research)

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