

Ethics Statement

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of publication ethics and to supporting ethical research practices. We expect authors to reflect on the ethical stance adopted in their papers. This includes, but goes beyond, procedural matters, to questions of values and relationality. Empirical studies should detail appropriate ethical approvals and discuss the ethical implications and/or challenges of their research. We would, where relevant, expect to see discussion about (but not limited to): the process of gaining the consent of research participants; handling difficult and/or sensitive topics; researcher positionality; attempts to maximise diversity and inclusion in sampling and participant recruitment.

We understand that language and terminology vary in different contexts and geographies. However, we expect submissions to be thoughtful about their use of language, culturally sensitive and cognisant of current debates and preferences of relevant groups, for example, in relation to person-first or social model of disability language. Should authors be uncertain in this regard, they are invited to contact the Editorial Executive who will be happy to discuss and offer advice.

We welcome submissions employing a wide range of methodological approaches especially, but not exclusively, those that are coproduced with or led by the people who are the focus of the submission. The full range of quantitative and qualitative methods is of interest to us, including approaches that are, for example, participatory, use creative methods and develop our understanding of methodological innovation. We are also interested in manuscripts which do not draw on any empirical data – including ones that draw on doctrinal legal analysis or engage in theoretical or methodological debate.

We will not accept submissions that undermine the inherent value and integrity of marginalised groups of people. We welcome debate, but not about the inherent worth of, for example, disabled people, people from ethnic groups facing racism and oppression, the trans community and people from across the spectrum of sexual and gender identities. We strive to make this journal an inclusive, open and a safe place for contributors and readers.

We are committed to a peer review process that is respectful and supportive. We also take seriously issues of plagiarism or other forms of fraud and misconduct in academic publishing and research practice. This includes content recycling (what used to be termed self-plagiarism). We will do our best to ensure fair, unbiased, respectful and transparent peer review processes and editorial decisions. Any detected cases of misconduct, whether on the part of authors, reviewers or editors, will be taken very seriously.

Where there is more than one author, it is important that work is fairly acknowledged and that the published author list accurately reflects individual contributions and has been agreed by all authors.

We will work to maximise diversity within our governance structures, including our Executive and Editorial Board and our community of reviewers. We will seek to make content available and accessible to disabled people's organisations and other readers outside academia interested in disability debates.