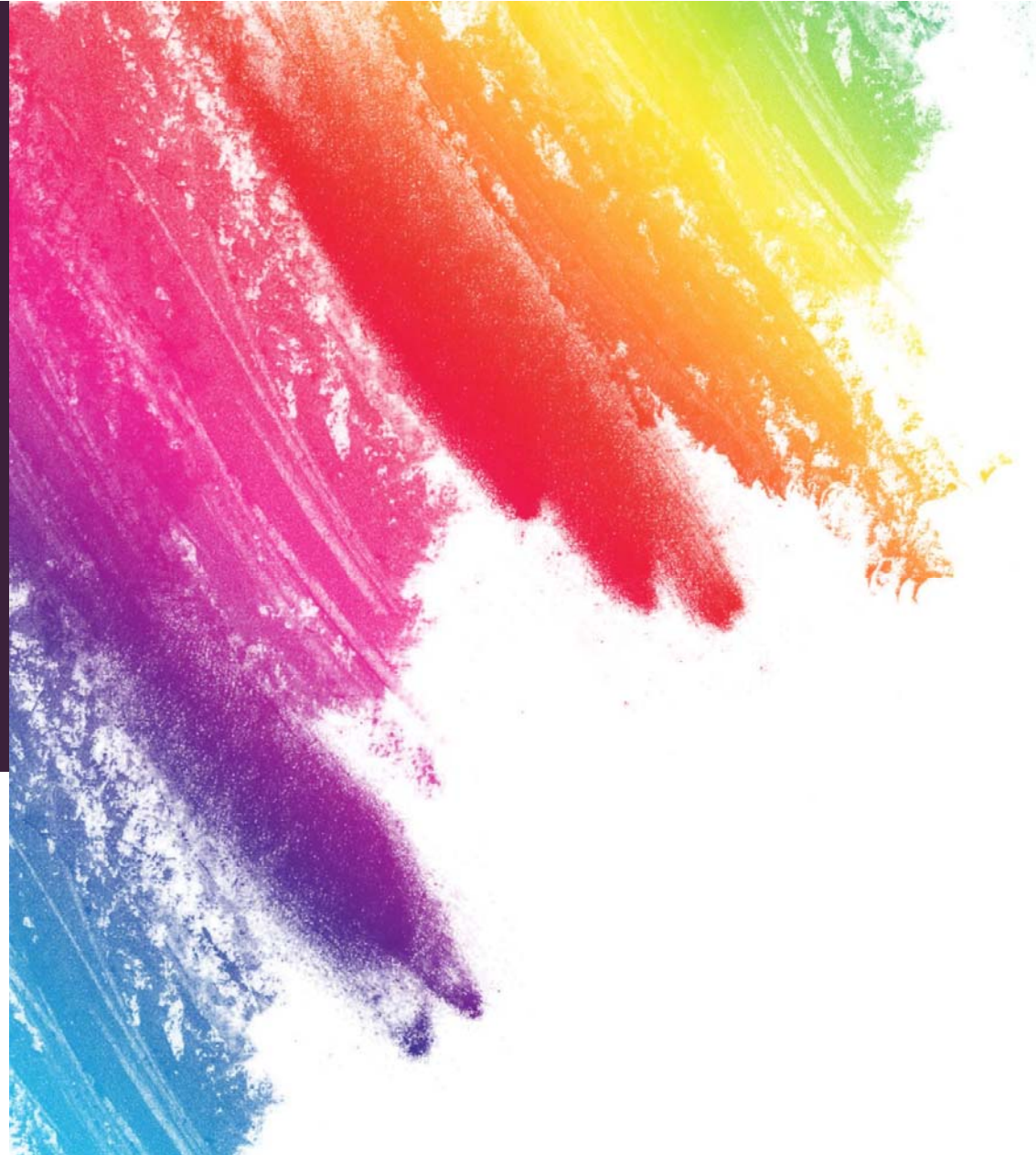


# US, NOT THEM THE PROJECT OF LIFE

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# LEARNING TO REVERSE THE QUESTIONS

Learning to reverse the questions about disability.

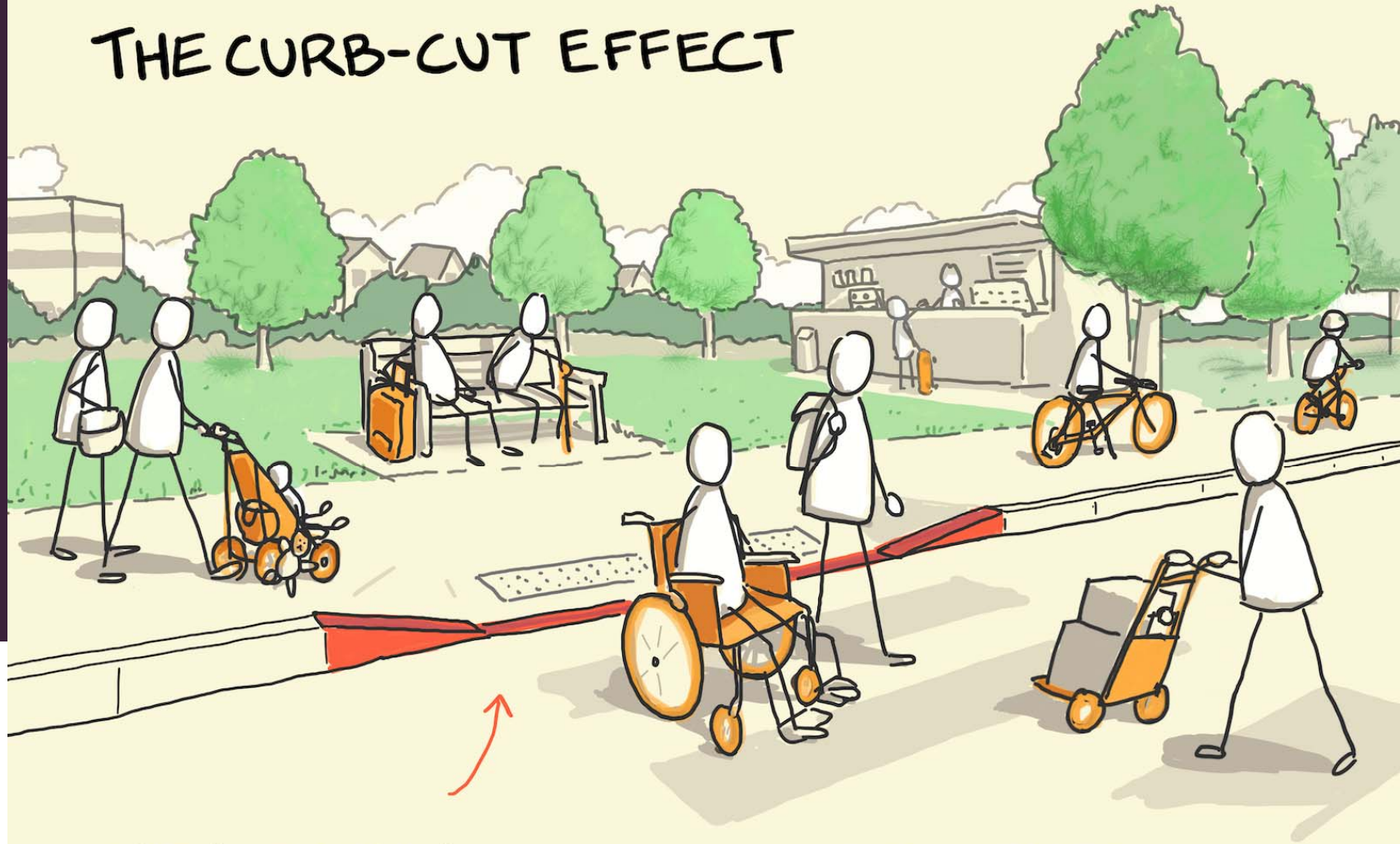
“How do we do that with anyone else?”

Learning to reverse the answers.

“How do the answers we find apply to everyone?”

# THE CURB CUT EFFECT

## THE CURB-CUT EFFECT



WHEN WE DESIGN  
FOR DISABILITIES

... WE MAKE THINGS  
BETTER FOR EVERYONE

# SPIRITUALITY AND VALUES

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# IDENTITY AND CONNECTIONS

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# “The Danger of a Single Story”

All of these stories make me who I am. But to insist on only these negative stories is to flatten my experience and to overlook the many other stories that formed me. The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story...Power is the ability not just to tell the story of another person, but to make it the definitive story of that person.

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# W.H. AUDEN: FOR THE TIME BEING

He is the way,  
Seek him in the land of unlikeness  
And you will find strange beasts and unique  
adventures.

He is the truth,  
Seek him in the kingdom of anxiety  
And you will come to a city that has expected your  
return for years

He is the Life,  
Seek him in the world of the flesh  
And at your marriage, all its occasions shall dance  
for joy