

# **Getting Started with Inclusive Education**

## **Transcription: Video 2**

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## What are the benefits of inclusive education?

## **Lauren Woods**

Inclusive education offers numerous benefits. First and foremost, it promotes real fairness by helping to level the playing field so that every learner has the best opportunity possible to succeed.

## Lilian Dogiama

It's been proven time and again that inclusive education has tremendously positive effects on learning outcomes and academic achievements.

#### **Lauren Woods**

Inclusive education has been shown to improve outcomes for all learners now, in part because it encourages teachers to develop more innovative, flexible teaching methods that benefit everyone, as it encourages social interaction and helps learners to develop important transferable skills.

## Satyajit Sarkar

Inclusive education can lead to better academic performance for all learners as it encourages collaboration and peer learning.

#### **Paul Ellis**

A student who is either, finds something easier than another student, or a student who finds something more difficult than another student might be able to regulate themselves, the way they learn, or the way that they perform a certain task with the help of somebody else, or simply by being encouraged by other students along the way.

## Waleed Bagadi

Inclusive education can lead to more efficient use of limited resources. By integrating support for diverse learners into mainstream education systems, rather than maintaining separate special education facilities.

## Lilian Dogiama

It's about fostering a sense of belonging, where learners of all abilities can feel valued and confident.

### **Lauren Woods**

And it's also about fostering an appreciation of diversity; by learning alongside peers of different strengths, different challenges and different lived experiences learners can develop a deeper understanding, respect and empathy for others.

## Satyajit Sarkar

Learner with disabilities benefit from being included, which boosts their self-esteem and confidence by providing opportunities for social interaction and achievement.

#### **Paul Ellis**

The benefits can also be for other students in the classroom who, for whatever reason, may be able to learn more easily than other students in that classroom, because those students who may find learning easy can then understand what it's like and appreciate what it might be like.

For those who do find things a bit more challenging in their lives. That sets everybody up much better for the real world outside the classroom.

#### **Lauren Woods**

Inclusive practices can really help to inspire creativity. They can enhance problem solving skills and boost critical thinking and this helps everyone to learn more effectively.

#### **Paul Ellis**

It might be that even students who are particularly good at doing a certain piece of work, or teachers who have got particular ways that they've always used for doing things can discover new ways as well. And in that way, we all learn that there's so many different, diverse ways of doing things, and that can only be good for all of us at the end of the day.

## Satyajit Sarkar

Inclusive education helps prepare learners for life beyond school by preparing and empowering them to thrive in a diverse environment.

## **Lauren Woods**

In life, we all work and interact with people who are different from us by experiencing this diversity in school all learners are better equipped to navigate the complexities of life beyond the classroom.

## Waleed Bagadi

By fostering understanding and acceptance of diversity inclusive education contributes to building more cohesive societies while strengthening employment opportunities through both academic and vocational pathways.

#### **Lauren Woods**

Inclusive education also helps to reduce stigma; when learners of all backgrounds and all abilities are educated together it normalises diversity and it helps to break down harmful stereotypes.

## Lilian Dogiama

Simply put, children who feel accepted and celebrated do better at school and have better chances of growing up to be respectful, considerate and happy adults.