

Intersections of Race, Intellectual Disability and Neurodivergence

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James' Lived Experience

James is 18 years old, and lives at home with his parents. His parents are first generation migrants from West Africa. He attends the Pinehill's Special School in his local area. James is Autistic and also has a diagnosis of an Intellectual Disability, (ID). James mostly communicates through gestures, sounds, PECS (picture exchange system), monosyllables and behaviour. Whilst being supported on a swimming activity at his local swimming baths, James ran into the changing area and kicked a 9 year old boy in the head leading to the child losing consciousness. James was initially taken into police custody and then later admitted onto an Assessment and Treatment Unit at a Mental Health Hospital.

Neurodivergence

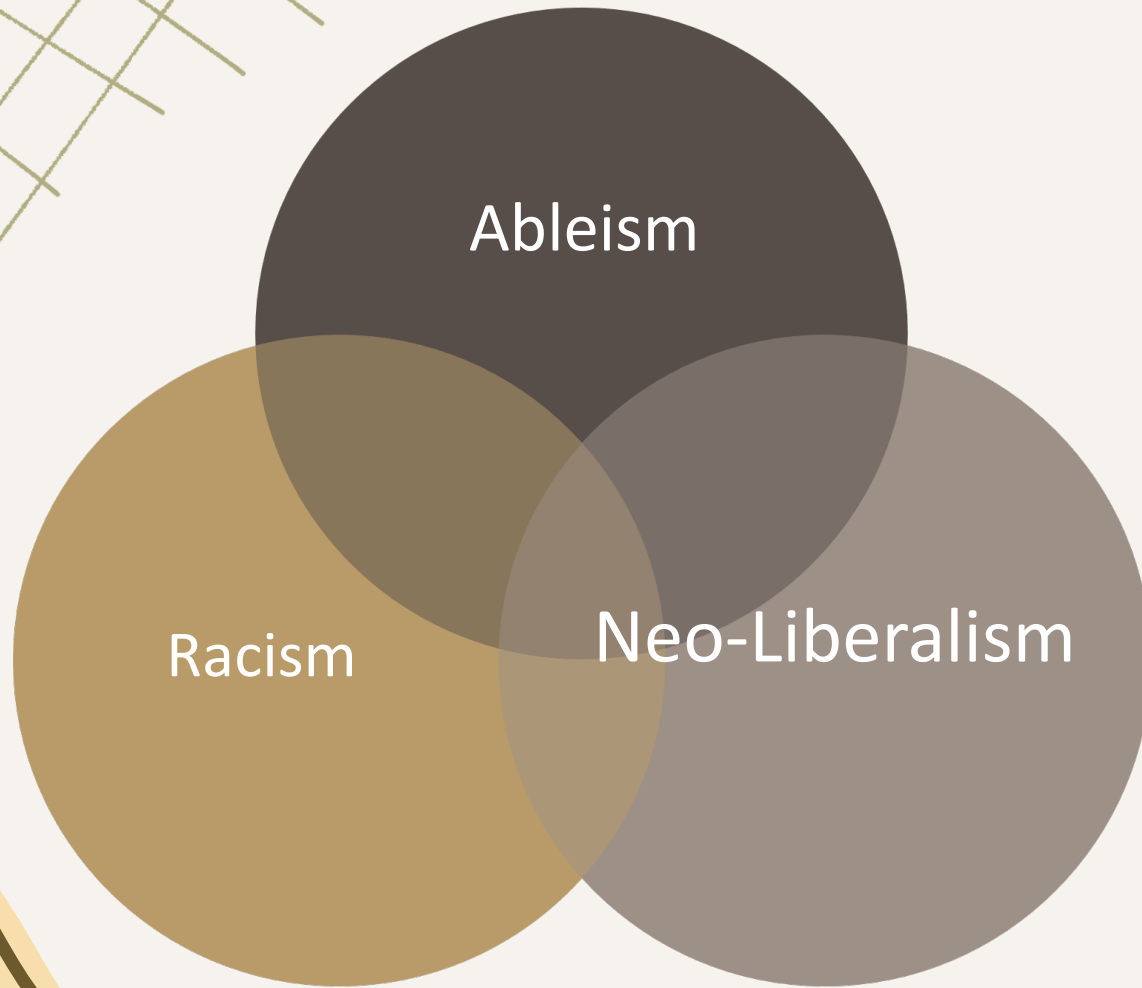
Disadvantage

I.D.

Black African

Young, gifted and black

Disadvantaged





Final Thoughts

At the intersections of Race, Disability and Neurodivergence are increased risks of incarceration and poor mental health. We need services that are tuned into the needs of marginalised voices.

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