The Dignity Project: Before, During and After (?) COVID-19
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Dignity Project: Background

Vision
Uncover
Discuss
Re-imagine
Change

Bold ideas. Better solutions.

The Dignity Project
Vision: before COVID-19

- Research team with embedded citizen researchers with lived experience of disability
- Designed and launched the Community Hub and first pilot survey
Uncover: during COVID-19

- Physical and mental health benefits of dignity
- Consequences of loss of dignity and undignified treatment
  - “Genuine acknowledgement of existence, who I am, respect for my privacy, my nuisances”
  - “Treated as less of a person, less worthy, less valid, less visible, annoyed, frustrated, sad, angry, no rights, no voice.”
- Acknowledgement and employment
Discuss: during COVID-19

- Intersection of dignity and COVID-19
- Need for citizen level data
- Community Hub forums and feedback
- Design and launch of COVID-19 Impact survey
Re-imagine after(?) COVID-19

- COVID-19 is not going away nor are the global realities caused by the pandemic
- Emphasis on the importance of citizen science and citizen data