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HOW TO USE CREATIVITY AS A TOOL FOR DISABILITY EQUALITY IN THE ARTS

NORTHERN POWER WOMEN
PODCAST

Be More You

SEASON

Hosted by Simone Roche MBE

Why drama matters in school and society:

- ⚡ Drama gives young people essential tools for life
- ⚡ It breeds self confidence
- ⚡ It teaches self advocacy

"Historically this has been an industry when we've been told it's not for us so let's push the balance off a little so we actually have this influx of new and existing talent thriving in this industry."

Melissa Johns, Northern Power Women Podcast

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"What we're fighting for is equality of opportunity, not equality of outcome. At the moment the opportunity to get those jobs aren't there. We can't even get in the room"

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TripleC - never leave anybody behind

Co-founded with Cherylee Houston, they:

- ⚡ Run drama and theatre-based workshops for disabled children, teens and adults
- ⚡ Create links between organisations to strengthen access and raise awareness of issues around disability, influencing decision makers and policy
- ⚡ Run an extensive programme of events, masterclasses, and workshops through our Disabled Artists Networking Community (DANC)

Snatched

In January 2018, precisely on Blue Monday, disabled actor Melissa Johns' iPhone was hacked and explicit photos of her were released online.

Melissa's one woman show displays no shame or guilt in championing female sexuality. It's a funny, fast-paced, uplifting one woman show accompanied by a live 90's/00's soundtrack.

