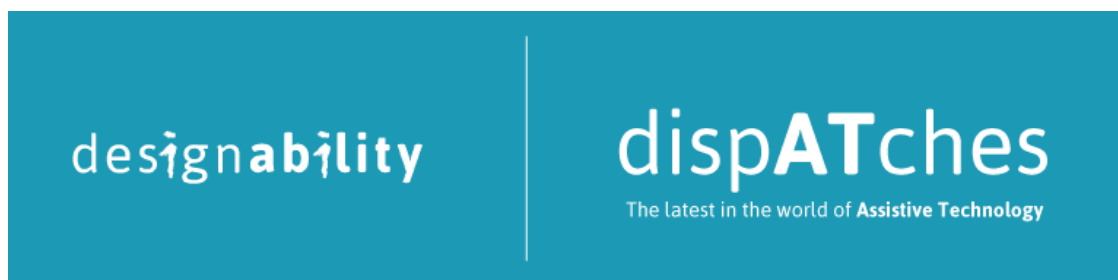


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**July 2017:** New review website for disabled consumers, interactive paint to turn surfaces into touch pads and details of the Disability Innovation Summit

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## Public policy, legislation and campaigns

### Rica develops product review website for disabled consumers

The Research Institute for Consumer Affairs (RICA) is developing [an online product review website](#) for disabled consumers to be launched in early 2018. The Rate it! project will aim to provide disabled consumers with information on new products as well as access to user reviews to help buyers make informed choices.

### BMA votes to push for improvements to NHS England's wheelchair service

The British Medical Association has voted to make advocating for [improvements to NHS wheelchair services](#) a new priority at its annual representative meeting. The decision follows reports of six month delays for service users who require wheelchairs from the NHS and families turning to crowdfunding websites to finance equipment themselves.

### WHO signs up to global plan on dementia

The United Nations World Health Organisation has adopted [a global plan on dementia](#) that calls on governments to meet targets designed to address the challenges associated with the condition. The wide-ranging plans include measures to foster the development of assistive technologies that address the physical, psychological and social needs of people with dementia, their carers and those at risk of developing dementia.

## Technological developments and innovations

### Interactive paint turns any surface into computer touch pad

Carnegie Mellon University have created a conductive paint that can be combined with electrodes to enable users to interact with a computer system through touch on any surface. [Electric](#) can

## Training & events

### [Disability Innovation Summit](#)



**Thursday 13th -  
Friday 14th July**

**Straford, London**

An opportunity for disabled people, academics, practitioners and innovators to explore future of disability.

### [Sight Village Birmingham](#)



**Tuesday 18th -  
Wednesday 19th July**

