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## Education

### MSc in Comparative Social Policy

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

2014 – 2015

### Visiting Student

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

2013 – 2014

### BA (Honours) in Political Science

Laurentian University, Sudbury/Barrie, Canada

2009 – 2014

## Skill Highlights

- Quantitative research, primarily with R
- Qualitative research and analysis
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Data visualisation, both static and interactive
- Broadcast and print media interviews

## Professional Experience

### Researcher

*Disability Rights UK*

June 2016 - present

- Responsible for policy work on employment issues, and research on any additional issues prioritised by Disability Rights UK. This included writing briefing papers for internal and external use, responding to consultations, monitoring government policy developments and work from other sources.
- Produced statistical briefing papers and presentations based on my analysis of a range of sources, using national and international surveys and administrative data.
- Primary researcher and annual report author evaluating “Bridge to Work”, a City Bridge Trust-funded programme of training, work experience and employer engagement to increase young disabled people’s employment. The evaluation focuses on changes in employer attitudes and overall impact on participant employment.
- Lead researcher and programme manager for project on £40,000 research project on young people’s attitudes to disability, conducted with the Centre for Education and Youth. I recruited and managed a steering group of young disabled people to determine the focus of the project and provide feedback on our research questions and findings.
- Undertook small, mixed-method research projects on healthcare inequalities, the effectiveness of peer support interventions, attitudes to inclusive education, and the potential impact of different disability benefit reforms.
- Delivering training and presenting research work to external audiences.

### Instructor in Health Studies

*Queen’s University, Bader International Study Centre*

May 2019

- Designed and taught “Disability Studies: Issues, Research and Policy”, a final-year undergraduate course with a particular focus on employment issues and comparative analysis of welfare states.

### Data Analyst (Freelance)

*London Business School*

June 2018 – October 2018

- Analysed speeches in Hansard to identify differences in the topics and language style between male and female Labour MPs, and between female Labour MPs selected through open or all-women shortlists.
- Designed a methodology using structured topic models, and wrote out my methods and produced data visuals and statistical tables for use in a future paper on the subject.

## Performance and Impact Officer

*The Future Leaders Trust*

October 2015 – June 2016

- Conducted primary and secondary analysis of school performance data, disseminated results internally through presentations and internal reports, and externally through press releases.
- Co-authored the first original research report published by the Trust, responsible for data collection and methodology, and contributed to the writing of the report.

## Research and Teaching Assistant

*Laurentian University*

October 2012 – April 2013

- Responsible for locating, summarising and organising research material for two professors in Political Science and English Literature, respectively.

## Projects

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### Bridge to Work Programme Evaluation

Primary researcher and annual report author

January 2018 – December 2023

Funder: City Bridge Trust

£100,000

### Disabled People Accessing Community-Based Activities

Lead researcher and report author

February 2020 – March 2020

Funder: NHS Personalised Care Group

£10,000

### Access to Advice Services in London

Data analyst and report author

December 2019 – February 2020

Funder: Nuffield Foundation

£5,000

### Inclusive Education and Co-Production

Principle investigator

December 2018 – June 2019

Funder: European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

£4,000

### Young People's Attitudes to Disability

Lead researcher and report author

April 2018 – August 2019

Funder: Disability Research on Independent Living & Learning (DRILL)

£40,000

## Professional Memberships

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- Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society
- Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce

## Publications

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### Peer Reviewed Articles

Odell, E. (2017). Lonely schools: The relationship between geographic isolation and academic attainment. *Educational Research*, 59(3), 257–272. DOI: [10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285](https://doi.org/10.1080/00131881.2017.1339285)

## Reports and Preprints

Hale, C., Benstead, S., Lyus, J., **Odell, E.**, & Ruddock, A. (2020). Energy Impairment and Disability Inclusion. The Centre for Welfare Reform.

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**Odell, E.** (2020). Getting it right the first time: Financial penalties to improve disability benefit assessments. *LawArXiv*. DOI: [10.31228/osf.io/jksyp](https://doi.org/10.31228/osf.io/jksyp)

**Odell, E.** (2019). Special or Unique: Young People's Attitudes to Disability. Disability Rights UK. [drilluk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/DR-UK-Special-or-Unique-August-2019.pdf](https://drilluk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/DR-UK-Special-or-Unique-August-2019.pdf)

Aston, J., Bennett, L., Murphy, H., **Odell, E.**, & Stevens, T. (2019). External evaluation of the Bridge to Work Programme. City Bridge Trust.

[citybridgetrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Bridge-to-Work-Year-1-report.pdf](https://citybridgetrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Bridge-to-Work-Year-1-report.pdf)

**Odell, E.** (2018). Disability, Rights and Vulnerability in British Parliamentary Debate. *SocArXiv*. DOI: [10.31235/osf.io/tqf5j](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/tqf5j)

Theobald, K., & **Odell, E.** (2015). Isolated schools: Out on a limb. Future Leaders Trust. [future-leaders.org.uk/documents/195/Isolated\\_schools\\_Out\\_on\\_a\\_limb.pdf](https://future-leaders.org.uk/documents/195/Isolated_schools_Out_on_a_limb.pdf)

## R Packages

**Odell, E.** (2020). threesixtygiving: Download Charitable Grants from the '360Giving' Platform. [github.com/evanodell/threesixtygiving](https://github.com/evanodell/threesixtygiving)

**Odell, E.** (2019). guardianapi: Access the 'Guardian' newspaper open data API. [github.com/evanodell/guardianapi](https://github.com/evanodell/guardianapi)

**Odell, E.**, & Tierney, N. (2019). ukpolice: Download Data on UK Police and Crime. [github.com/evanodell/ukpolice](https://github.com/evanodell/ukpolice)

**Odell, E.** (2019). cqcr: Access 'Care Quality Commission' Data. [github.com/evanodell/cqcr](https://github.com/evanodell/cqcr)

**Odell, E.** (2018). nomisr: Access Nomis UK Labour Market Data. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 3(27), 859. DOI: [10.21105/joss.00859](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00859)

**Odell, E.** (2018). fixerapi: An R Client for the 'Fixer.io' Currency API. [github.com/evanodell/fixerapi](https://github.com/evanodell/fixerapi)

**Odell, E.** (2018). refuge: Locate Trans and Intersex-Friendly Toilets. [github.com/evanodell/refuge](https://github.com/evanodell/refuge)

**Odell, E.** (2017). hansard: Accessing Westminster Parliament Data. [github.com/evanodell/hansard](https://github.com/evanodell/hansard)

**Odell, E.** (2017). mnis: Easy Downloading Capabilities for the Members' Name Information Service. [github.com/evanodell/mnis](https://github.com/evanodell/mnis)

**Odell, E.** (2017). parlitools: Tools for Analysing UK Politics. [github.com/evanodell/parlitools](https://github.com/evanodell/parlitools)

## Datasets

**Odell, E.** (2019). Hansard Speeches V2.6.1 [dataset]. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.780985](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.780985)

## Referees

- Liz Sayce, JRF Practitioner Fellow, International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics. [liz@lizsayce.me.uk](mailto:liz@lizsayce.me.uk)
- Michael Johns, Associate Professor of Political Science, Laurentian University. [mjohns@laurentian.ca](mailto:mjohns@laurentian.ca)