**Leading the Charge: Climate Change, Disability and Storytelling — plain text version**

Stories passed palm to palm. [image: one hand holding another, above a Venn diagram showing the word ‘present’ as the intersection of ‘past’ and ‘future’]

Our histories interweave. [image: threads of different colours in a woven pattern]

Layers of colonisation can be seen in environmental degradation. Rivers slick with oil. [image: thick, black oil]

Five kilograms of paraffin a month. It’s life-saving. I need it. [image: a container of paraffin, next to which is a hand holding a dollop of paraffin, as well as two speech bubbles]

Stress. Fear. Anxiety. There must be a deaf and disabled lens on climate issues. [image: a speech bubble, pointed to a man and a woman)

Lived experience as part of a wider framework of experiences, systems and structures. Individualistic solutions won’t solve things! [image: various shapes surrounded by a dotted line]

Adaptation, suffering, resilience – in our bodies, in the land. But we can offset our medical needs with other actions. [image: an arm, a verdant landscape and three trees]

We will all be disabled at some point. Just ban straws! No! People need them. Pre-cut packaged food is needed! Many things seen as a given in the climate movement aren’t inclusive or accessible. [image: speech bubbles next to a man, a glass with a straw, and a package of pre-cut food]

Disability activism skills feed into climate activism – live-stream, access and info. Making disability access mainstream. More inclusive protests. Beyond capitalism: the inherent worth of beings. [image: a laptop, two arrows indicating the cyclical relationship between disability activism and climate activism]

Disabled people are more vulnerable in this current climate crisis – water limits, access, bushfire escape, the heat, asthma, medical needs. [image: a puddle of water, a person in a wheelchair, a fire, the sun, wind with pollen, pills and other medication]

Deeply ingrained ideas around who is ‘worth saving’. [image: a seesaw with one figure closer to the ground than the other]

The power of storytelling. Diverse stories help change the world. Climate action and activism through storytelling. [image: the planet Earth]

The UN resolution on climate change to develop a disability-inclusive approach with action. Involving disabled people in disaster discussion and plans – from the start. Hurricane Katrina really gave attention to the issue. [image: three speech bubbles containing a question mark, a tick mark and a cross, next to a pencil, a hand pointing downwards and a faint image of a hurricane]

Challenge individualism. Respect and mutual care. [image: hearts of various colours]

We need to open up the narrative, not just jump into solutions. [image: Fiona Tuomy]

Set good boundaries. I get a lot of comments on my food choices! Use your social media to make an impact. [image: Carly Findlay]

We need to learn how to be here on this country. Learning from First Nations people. [image: Andy Jackson]

No-one left behind. Questions the structures! Push for inclusion. [image: CB Mako]

Connect the head and heart. It’s been pivotal. Stories of place, space and meaning. [image: Lefa Singleton Norton, next to a brain and a heart connected by waves of energy]

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