**Invitation**

Are you a person with disability or parent/guardian/significant other of a person with disability? Have you ever found yourself in funny situations which became so because of the way you, or whoever was with you, replied or reacted, but which could have been offensive or demeaning otherwise? Would you like to share your story/stories?

My name is Dr Vickie Gauci and I am a lecturer at the University of Malta, within the Department of Disability Studies. I am presently conducting research as part of my work titled ‘Are you serious? The relationship between humour and disability’. The aim of my study is to collect short stories from persons with disabilities and their families/significant others, in which disabling attitudes/events in society elicit unexpected replies/reactions/behaviour on the part of the persons with disabilities, thus transforming the former into humorous, (potentially educational and political), situations. These thought-provoking stories will be collated into a book which will be part of the series *Kotba Umoristici* from Kite Publishers. I also intend to write a paper (in English) for a journal such as the ‘Journal of literary & cultural disability studies’, based on this book, in which I will critically analyse these relationship between humour and disability in the Maltese context.

If you wish to share your story, kindly contact Vickie either via email: [maria.v.gauci@um.edu.mt](mailto:maria.v.gauci@um.edu.mt) or on her mobile: 79286240 so that you can agree on a date and time when she can record you. Otherwise, you may wish to send them to her in writing (no more than 500 words) or recorded via WhatsApp (no more than 5 minutes) for each story. You may also wish to consent to your parents/guardians/significant others to tell the story in which you are the main protagonist, on your behalf. The relevant information letters and consent forms will be forwarded to you once you let the researcher know of your wish to participate.