

# The disabled are better workers, says trainer

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**MALACCA:** Young adults with learning difficulties are more diligent workers than the average person, Geoff Warner of the Systematic Instruction Organisation of the United Kingdom said yesterday.

As such, it would be unfair for the disabled to be denied a normal life, he added.

Systematic Instruction provides training for people to care for the disabled.

Warner, a trainer, recalled the case of a 24-year-old man with Down's Syndrome who had dreams of becoming a policeman.

"When I met his family, I was told that he liked washing cars and he would do it well," he said.

"And what we did for him was, after training him, we got him a job at the local police department in the UK washing police vehicles. He is still there enjoying his job.

"We have to get these people a job that they enjoy so that they would be able to sustain the job. It is also important that we make them feel a part of the community"

Warner has also been working with the parents of the disabled, teaching them the methodologies to improve the quality of life for their children.

Systematic Instruction and Joy Workshop Malacca will run three workshops for staff of non-governmental organisations, schools with special education facilities, and parents and care-givers of the disabled.

The workshops will be held at Straits Meridian Hotel in Bukit Bharu from July 7 to 9, July 14 to 16 and July 21 to 23.

Those interested can call Parameswari Anand of Joy Workshop at 016-3142954.