

## ORAL HISTORY RECORDING SUMMARY

### 'Fighting for our Rights' project

<b>Surname</b>	Trujillo
<b>Given name(s)</b>	Kay Helen
<b>Date of birth</b>	1942
<b>Place of birth</b>	Southwark, London
<b>Date of interview</b>	30 May 2017
<b>Length of interview</b>	01:04:05
<b>Number of tracks</b>	1
<b>Name of interviewer(s)</b>	Jen Kavanagh

#### Track 1 of 1 [01:04:05]

Kay Trujillo (KT) was born in 1942 in Elephant and Castle, London to parents Doris and Walter. Mother trained as a nurse, father worked for British Rail. KT has two sisters. Home schooled by mother initially. Parents fought for KT to attend mainstream school, Venetian Secondary in Camberwell. Attended college for disabled women to study art. Had accident resulting in septic arm, required operation. Worked in kiosk and cinema. Met first husband Michael, got pregnant but lost baby. Married for 10 years before Michael died. Second marriage lasted 5 years, violent [00:05:15]. Moved home with parents but wanted to live independently. Found Calder Court, where KT lives today. Describes condition, caused when KT's mother was injured during Doodlebug attack in Second World War. KT born in incident, lack of oxygen resulted in cerebral palsy. Brain damage affected limbs. Talks about mother seeking diagnosis, went to Great Ormond Street [00:09:40]. Mother told to give KT up. Describes exercises mother gave her, helped KT to walk. Talks about finances, support from parents. Talks about car, 'Noddies'. Mentions Scope and accessing social worker. Challenge of communicating with people with more severe disabilities. Talks about taking a book to the pub to make friends [00:15:20]. Talks about meeting Ann Macfarlane (AM) at Surbiton Health Centre. AM suggested KT join independent living scheme. Describes it as life changing. Talks about being in control, employing staff. Describes experience of working for HSBC in Tolworth. Colleagues behaviour. Talks about former manager of branch in Kingston. KT moved around to various branches. Describes manager taking issue with working with KT due to disability [00:25:30]. Explains being moved to Richmond branch, couldn't access toilet. Had to go to Debenhams to use the toilet. Eventually moved to HSBC Sutton. Trained as a buyer. Bank expected KT to travel to London, so took redundancy [00:30:35]. Remarried and had son, but killed in bus accident. Talks about getting a computer. Talks about personal budget. Describes charity work, including MS Society, works as Deputy Treasurer. Talks about campaigning against Council charge increases. KT Chair of Kingston Centre for Independent Living (KCIL) user group. Describes speech KT wrote to deliver to Council, referencing experience of having poor home care [00:36:35]. Talks about chanting outside Council chambers in rain. Mentions Jane Campbell. Talks about awards including Soroptomist women. Talks about recent campaigns, including with Ali Kashmiri, against 100% charging. Explains about neighbour, John, who also has cerebral palsy. Traumatic experience in residential homes. Explains recruiting personal assistants [00:43:15]. Incident of one personal assistant not wanting to return as KT's disability upset her. Talks about current assistants, explaining typical day of receiving care including cooking, washing [00:50:00]. Talks about social life, going to the cinema or concert. Describes liking rock and roll. Mentions driving, got a car through Motability. Talks further about community

awards. Rosemary, former KCIL CEO, put KT forward for Soroptomist women award. Mentions access committee, consulting on new ramps in Kingston. Won award for this work [00:54:20]. Talks about Mayoral Award for work for disabled community, including for Ken Livingstone. Couldn't get to ceremony due to London bombings. Received plaque at later date. Describes Borough award as most proud achievement. Talks about having to continue to fight, Council not being aware of needs of disabled community. Want to live, not just exist [00:59:55]. Reflects on future of support. Not wanting to be a burden on family, just to live independently. Ends with reflecting on time when KT was pregnant, and supporting first husband Michael. Life was hard, but happy. States feeling lucky.

**End of recording [01:04:05]**