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They're Redefining What It Means To Be A Model. You've Got To See This Inspiring Campaign!

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The fashion industry (<http://www.littlethings.com/fashion-brands-controversial-topics/>) has long been criticized for its lack of diversity when it comes to the models on its runways, but 2015's fall/winter New York Fashion Week displayed a radical change (<http://www.littlethings.com/laverne-cox-orange-new-black/>).

Models in wheelchairs and amputees strutted their stuff for FTL Moda's presentation showing designs by Antonio Urzi. Among them was a Jack Eyers, a 25-year-old personal trainer who modeled rolled-up trousers short enough to show off his prosthetic leg.

"I never thought I could ever be a model," Eyers told BBC (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RKsyv3XUzg>) in a 2014 interview.

Born with a rare condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency, Eyers had his right leg amputated when he was 16. Now, the 6'2 U.K. native is a spokesperson for Models of Diversity (<http://www.modelsofdiversity.org/>), a London-based campaign that pushes for more variety in the modeling industry.

Almost 80 percent of the models that showed off the fall/winter collections during New York Fashion Week in 2014 were white, a number that didn't demonstrate much change from 2008, Jezebel (<http://jezebel.com/new-york-fashion-week-diversity-talks-but-white-faces-1522416724>) reported.

Like models of colors, those with disabilities are also underrepresented in the world of fashion, making Eyers a hopeful catalyst for change.

"I just want to show that having a disability doesn't need to hold you back," Eyers told Caters News in a press release (<http://www.today.com/style/jack-eyers-british-model-first-amputee-walk-runway-fashion-week-2D80492834>). "I want people to see me, and to realize that there needs to be more disabled models walking the runway."

Watch his interview with BBC below, and please **SHARE** this motivational story to help inspire those you know!

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