The Intersection of Disability & Civic Engagement

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Welcome

- ASL Interpreters
- Language Interpreters
Quick Tips on How to Ensure Effective & Inclusive Communication

• Verify that your microphone is muted when others are speaking during the meeting.

• Always speak slowly and clearly

• Always take turns when speaking

• Utilize the 'Raise Hand' or chat room feature for your questions and comments.
June 24, 2020
✓ How to Produce Accessible Materials
July 8, 2020
✓ Disability 101
July 29, 2020
➢ The Intersection of Disability & Civic Engagement
August 12, 2020
The Intersection of Disability & Abuse
August 26, 2020
How to Host an Accessible Event
The Enable Project

This training is brought to you by the Enable Project, a coalition that brings together non-profit and social justice organizations and their staff to create channels for integration of people with disabilities within their organizations and movements. This training is designed to guide organizations on how to integrate and include people with disabilities in ongoing civic engagement. Doing so can empower people with disabilities to take advantage of their rights and participate in social justice and political movements. As a society, we all benefit when everyone is able to participate and contribute.
Video #1

https://youtu.be/IY-VtmhvmBU
Speaker

Deborah Dietz
Disability Independence Group
Update - Facebook

• How to add Alt-Text or Alt-Tag

1. Select the picture
2. Click Edit
3. Add Alternative text
4. Click Save
5. Post
Social Movements in the US

**Civil Rights Movement**
End racial discrimination and gain equal rights.

**LGBT Movement**
Full acceptance of LGBT people in society.

**Women’s Movement**
Equal rights, opportunities, and greater personal freedom for women.
What images do we have for the disability rights movement?
DISABILITY RIGHTS ARE CIVIL RIGHTS
Video #2

Clips from: https://youtu.be/6KYVNDSpugw
Institutional vs. Community Based Living
Community Based Living
What is Ableism

The **systemic bias and discrimination** against people with disabilities. It reflects the negative image of people with disabilities that society has created. It also includes the **false assumption** that people with disabilities are less capable and depend on the charity of others. **Well-intentioned actions**, such as rushing to help a person in a wheelchair without asking, are often examples of this false belief.
How do we stop Ableism?

No cure

No surgical procedure

We just need to recognize it!

All we need is for society (both institutions and individuals) to change behavior.

No scientific knowledge

No new drugs
Medical Model
Sees disability as something that is ‘wrong’ with a person’s body or mind.

Social Model
Proposes that what makes someone disabled is not their medical condition, but the attitudes and structures of society.
Third Wave Movement

**Professionals**
Professionals make the decisions.

**Parents**
Parents make the decisions.

**Self-Advocacy**
The person decides for his/herself.
The Future, what is next?

Nothing about us without us
Video #3

Clips from: https://youtu.be/fxFkCEXvrT4
Disability Rights Advocacy

• Blocking traffic for accessible public transportation in New York;
• Protests demanding that there be a deaf president at Gallaudet University;
• Hunger strikes to bring attention to the rights of people with mental health issues;
• Blocking buses to demand that public transportation be made accessible in Chicago;
• Sit-ins in government offices until the government issued regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
Why Direct Participation?

• Equal voice in debates;
• Impact the political system;
• Engage in public policy debate;
• Opportunity to advocate for change
Results of Direct Participation

- Liberating effect;
- Sense of community;
- Creates effectiveness;
- Promotes social integration
Most Importantly

• Direct participation ensures that new policies do not continue the cycle of marginalization!
#Hashtag Activism

“Hashtag activism is a tool that helps organizing what’s already happening on the ground ...”

-Moya Bailey
Importance of Voting

• Why you should vote

• How voting has an impact
Disability Voting Block “The Disability Vote”
What is ATVFL?

• State chapter of REVUP project

• Our working groups
  • State Engagement
  • Voter Engagement
  • Candidate Engagement
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