

Disability Network Southwest Michigan presents

Disability Roundtable Series

Designed to foster a greater understanding of disability issues and to learn from one another, these roundtables are open to everyone.

October 11, 2011 Disability Language & Etiquette

November 8, 2011 Connected: The Disability Community Online

December 13 , 2011 A Life Worth Living: Movie & Discussion

January 10, 2012 Speak Up! Skills of Advocacy

February 14, 2012 Disability & the Media

March 13, 2012 Disability at Work

April 10, 2012 Potpourri: What's on your Mind?

May 8, 2012 Politics are Personal

June 12, 2012 Monica & David: Movie & Discussion

July 10, 2012 Disability Rights: Similarities to other Civil Rights Movements

August 14, 2012 Tools and Techniques for Accommodations

September 11, 2012 Ableism, Allies & Oppression

Roundtables typically start with a short introduction of the topic followed by a discussion and sharing of ideas, information, opinions, questions and differing viewpoints.

Meeting location:

**Community Building
Disability Network Southwest MI
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Kalamazoo, MI 49001
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Roundtables meet from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

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Accommodations provided with advance notice.
Please refrain from wearing perfume or scented products.

See reverse side for roundtable descriptions.

<p>October 2011</p> <p>Disability Language & Etiquette</p> <p>Why do disability rights activists say never to use the word “handicapped”? Do you know the courtesy rules of blindness? The disability rights movement is sometimes criticized for being too “PC” – do you agree?</p>	<p>November 2011</p> <p>The Disability Community Online</p> <p>Connect to the wider disability community via blogs, vlogs, podcasts, listservs and online support groups. Share some of your favorite sites and learn how you can add your ideas to the online discussion.</p>	<p>December 2011</p> <p>A Life Worth Living: Movie & Discussion</p> <p>Join us and watch this new PBS film on the history of the disability rights movement and share your views.</p>	<p>January 2012</p> <p>Speak Up! Skills of Advocacy</p> <p>What does it take to be a good advocate? Is there one “right way” to do advocacy? We all believe in and care about something. What ways can you stand up for what you believe in?</p>
<p>February 2012</p> <p>Disability & the Media</p> <p>TV, newspapers, movies, and the internet. Books, brochures, magazines and commercials. What does disability have to do with Hollywood thrillers and fast food commercials? Do media images reflect your reality?</p>	<p>March 2012</p> <p>Disability at Work</p> <p>From the lunchroom to the Boardroom, disability is an important workplace discussion. How do you start a meaningful disability dialogue at your workplace?</p>	<p>April 2012</p> <p>Potpourri: What's on your mind?</p> <p>What would you like to discuss? Bring your questions or raise the disability issues that no one else is talking about.</p>	<p>May 2012</p> <p>Politics are Personal</p> <p>Come for a discussion on how politics affect our everyday lives, and why elected officials at every level need to hear from you.</p>
<p>June 2012</p> <p>Movie & Discussion: Monica & David</p> <p>Like many other couples in love, Monica & David are getting married. They also have disabilities. How can stereotypes get in the way of living the life you choose? Explore what it means to experience the dignity of risk.</p>	<p>July 2012</p> <p>Disability Rights – Similarities to other Civil Rights Movements</p> <p>Women band together for the right to vote. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech powerfully paints a world of equality and justice. Are there parallels to the disability rights movement? Can we move forward together?</p>	<p>August 2012</p> <p>Tools and Techniques for Accommodations</p> <p>What gadgets or ideas do you use to make everyday tasks quicker and more efficient? No, it’s not an infomercial – we’re talking about technology and strategies that all of us use to be more effective. Share your tips!</p>	<p>September 2012</p> <p>Ableism, Allies & Oppression</p> <p>What is ableism anyway? What does it mean to be an ally to a civil rights movement? Do we need to talk about oppression in today’s world? Come and share your views.</p>

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