

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



ALLIES IN SELF-ADVOCACY

Allies in Self-Advocacy Listserv Summary

November 2013

The purpose:

The purpose of the listserv is to continue the conversation that happened at the self-advocacy summits during 2011 & 2012. It is also a place where we can share information & resources that relates to self-advocacy.

1. Members



There are 268 members who have joined the listserv. Unfortunately one member chose to not be part of the listserv anymore. We are sorry about that. Anyone can join in on the conversation. All you need to do is sign up at: www.AlliesInSelfAdvocacy.org and click on the blue envelope and fill in the form, with some basic information. The information will only be used to add you on the listserv. AUCD will NOT share the information with anyone. Feel free to pass this information along to anyone you know who is interested in advocacy or self-advocacy issues.

2. Topics



There have been some good discussions and an important webinar that people wanted to share this month

- Disability Treaty: The Convention on the Rights of people with Disability is back!! In November, there were two hearings in the Senate to get it pass. Last year we lost, in part, because the Homeschool Legal Defense Association used misinformation and scare tactics with homeschool parents to out-call supporters of the treaty by a margin of 100 to 1. We cannot let this happen again! To help pass this important treaty, go to this link: [I Support the Disability Treaty Petition](http://www.change.org/petitions/ratify-the-united-nations-convention-on-the-rights-of-people-with-disabilities) and sign the petition and also click on this link and follow the action steps at the [CRPD Action Center](http://www.crdpactioncenter.org/). There is the link for the youth specific petition here: <http://bit.ly/19lskeS>. If we all work together, maybe this year CDRP WILL pass.



- National Youth Leadership Network: The National Youth Leadership Network (NYLN) shared their latest E- Newsletter. If you would like to learn about NYLN or get their E- Newsletter contact Betsy Valnes at: betsy@nyln.org 301-915-0353.
- Self Advocates Becoming Empowered: Self Advocates Becoming Empowered is hosting a webinar on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 3:30pm, Eastern Time. The Webinar is on including more people and adding diversity to your self advocacy group. To join the call, go to this link: <http://bit.ly/194fHbo>.

3. **Funding**: Vermont has a new video about the “R” word. They are looking for funding for their self advocacy group. Click on this link to view their video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scg-QRw79LI> .
4. **Language**: Someone asked about the term, “Self advocate” and if people with disabilities appreciate that term. The question is: if everyone advocates for their own life, does having a term just for people with disabilities and one for people without disabilities is a way to separate people . Please voice your ideas and thoughts about this to the listserv at: selfadvocacy@lyrisvs.aucd.org .

For past summaries, you can get them off of the Self-advocacy summit website. The link is: www.AlliesInSelfAdvocacy.org. The summaries are in the resources section of the website. Go to the ongoing discussion link and then click on the monthly summaries link to find them.

If you would like to start a conversation, please do so, you do not need to wait for permission to do so. All you need to do is: send your message or comments to: selfadvocacy@lyrisvs.aucd.org.



Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for another great month of discussion.
I look forward to more discussions.