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Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Meeting

Friday, February 7, 2025

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://esd-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/83300883072?pwd=QYwThQuqc41BFMtK8ei0HsofP2Tx3g.1>

Meeting ID: 833 0088 3072

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Agenda

1. Approve agenda and minutes. (Quorum = 4)
2. Report from Communications/Outreach Workgroup
3. WorkSource Youth with Disabilities Group (Nancy)
4. Project timeline for event

- **Virtual Youth Empowerment Event Structure**

- Virtual event via Zoom on Friday, August 1, 2025, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
- Watch parties around the state. Invite partners to host youth that they already engage with to watch together. Youth can also attend on their own from home.
- Theme: Superheroes. “Your disability is your superpower.”

- **Learning Outcomes:**

- a. Come away with a working definition of disability pride and what it is.
- b. Learn info about how to counteract the narrative of negativity around disability.
- c. Learn how to advocate.

- **Desired Objectives [SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timebound) Goals]:**

- a. Delegates to have fun.
- b. Partnerships with disability organizations.
- c. Connect youth with their community.

- **Draft Schedule**

Event from 1-5 pm

1:00 welcome, intros, housekeeping (10 mins)

What Is Ableism? – External and Internal

Lived experience sharing among participants. Folks will work together to discuss issues and strategies. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees]. Handout/download: Tips on counteracting ableism

Speaker 1 Keynote: Embracing Pride [Speaker TBD] (15 mins)

What is Your Superpower? Lived experience sharing on disability pride. [Use breakout rooms]

3:00 Bio break (20 mins)

3:20 History of The Disability Rights Movement

Lived experience sharing among participants about advocacy. [Use breakout rooms for virtual attendees] Handout/download: How to be an everyday advocate

Speaker 2 Keynote: Ivanova Smith (15 mins)

How to get Involved and Advocate on the Next Level - Sunshine Cheng from Disability Rights Washington (DRW)

4:55 Wrap up, thank yous (5 mins)

[Short Video Featurettes on people with disabilities at some points]

[Roles needed for event: host, additional short presentations/videos

Tasks needed: create script for event; identify and test multimodal content; tech support; plan a walk through; create handouts and activities; create outreach materials]

Next Meeting: Friday, March 7, 2025, at 10:00 am