

ADA Celebration

10 Principles of Disability Justice - Wow!!

Sins Invalid

- Sins Invalid is a disability justice based performance project that incubates and celebrates artists with disabilities, centralizing artists of color and LGBTQ / gender-variant artists as communities who have been historically marginalized.

10 Principles of Disability Justice

1. Intersectionality
2. Leadership of Those Most Impacted
3. Anti-Capitalism
4. Cross-Movement Solidarity
5. Wholeness
6. Sustainability
7. Cross-Disability Solidarity
8. Interdependence
9. Collective Access
10. Collective Liberation

Intersectionality

Ableism, coupled with white supremacy, supported by capitalism, underscored by heteropatriarchy, has rendered the vast majority of the world “invalid.”

- Quote by Audre Lorde – writer, Womanist, civil Rights Activist

“There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.”

Commitment to Cross-Movement Organizing

Shifting how social justice movements understand disability and contextualize ableism, disability justice lends itself to politics of alliance.

- Brad Lomax –
 - The Black Panthers and the Disability Rights Movement during the 504 sit-in

Commitment to Cross-Disability Solidarity

We honor the insights and participation of all of our community members, knowing that isolation undermines collective liberation.

- Quote says, “All bodies are unique and essential. All bodies are whole. All bodies have strengths and needs that must be met. We are powerful not despite the complexities of our bodies, but because of them. We move together, with no body left behind. This is Disability Justice.

Leadership of Those Most Impacted

“We are led by those who most know these systems.” –Aurora Levins Morales

Sustainability

We pace ourselves, individually and collectively, to be sustained long term. Our embodied experiences guide us toward ongoing justice and liberation.

“Disability Justice means resisting together from solitary cells to open-air prisons.”

Collective Liberation

No body or mind can be left behind - only moving together can we accomplish the revolution we require.

“Creating space to tell disability stories is a way that we remake the world. I can create the movements that are going to save my life, that aren’t going to leave me behind.”

- Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

#ImagineOtherwise

Anti-Capitalist

In an economy that sees land and humans as components of profit, we are anti-capitalist by the nature of having non-conforming body/minds.

Recognizing Wholeness

People have inherent worth outside of commodity relations and capitalist notions of productivity.

Each person is full of history and life experience.

“We are human Beings
not human Doings.”
@HELLO.BRIO

Interdependence

We meet each others' needs as we build toward liberation, knowing that state solutions inevitably extend into further control over our lives.

“We live and love interdependently. We know no person is an island, we need one another to live.”

[Comments from the late Stacey Milbern at a vigil in Oakland on 10-10-19]

Collective Access

As brown, Black, and queer-bodied disabled people we bring flexibility and creative nuance that go beyond able-bodied/minded normativity, to be in community with each other.

“We dismiss tolerance – it is lacking, it is empty, it is not enough. Instead we argue for embrace. We advocate for embracing disability, demonstrating a willingness to open up, literally and figuratively – to have space with others in intimate ways, allowing for the real experiences of friction, conflict and even hurt with the hope it will result in healing, joy and love. To recognize that disability may be identifiable or not, may be different today than tomorrow, and may have been different yesterday than it is today, and to stretch the embrace to accompany these multiple, varied, fluid experiences of disability.”

- A quote from ADAPT- A national grassroots community that organizes disability rights activists to assure the civil and human rights for people with disability to live in freedom.

Resources

- <https://www.sinsinvalid.org/> - Sins Invalid
- <http://www.pdxdisabilityjustice.org/> - PDX Disability Justice Collective
- <https://www.disabilityequitycenter.org/> - Disability Equity Center
- <https://disabilityvisibilityproject.com/> - Disability Visibility Project
- <https://rootedinrights.org/> - Rooted in Rights
- <https://adapt.org/> - Adapt
- https://alliedmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/creating_collective_access.pdf - Creating Collective Access pdf
- <https://www.sinsinvalid.org/disability-justice-primer> - Skin, Tooth, and Bone book