



The Society for Students with a Disability (SSD) is highly excited to host our first **Week of Welcome (WOW)** from **January 18th-22nd, 2016**. The WOW will highlight the diverse world of disability through a series of themed events open to the public. We hope to see a wide range of individuals and organizations attend each event to enrich discussions, to share knowledge bases and to enable networking. Each event is designed to be participatory, inclusive and educational. Our aim is to collaborate in addressing barriers and oppression faced by persons with disabilities.

We are very happy that you are interested in our Inclusive Activism day, Wednesday, January 20th, and we wanted to provide you with a breakdown of how the day will look:

Theme:

Inclusive Activism Day - Engage in discussions on the state of disability in our community. Collectively identify the barriers, gaps and solutions to inclusivity for persons with disabilities. Provide a safe space for people with disabilities to share their stories, experiences and successes.
Inclusion facilitators will be available to support persons with disabilities in these discussions.

Time & Location:

Wednesday, January 20th: 12:00 – 2:00pm.
UVic Student Union Building Upper Lounge

Schedule:

12:00pm – Territorial Acknowledgement

12:15-12:45pm – TAPS (Together Against Poverty Society): Disability Policy & Advocacy

12:45-1:30pm – Rotating Mini-Advocacy Workshops. The audience will divide into three groups and rotate through three engaging workshops hosted by the following facilitators:

Thea Dickie (TAPS): Disability Advocacy, & Changes to PWD System

Katherine Ritchie (Fostering Education): Education for Youth from Care & Former Youth from Care;

Cindy Player (UVic Equity and Human Rights Council): Human Rights: Mental Health and Disability

1:30-1:55pm – Community Discussion: All groups reconvene for a larger discussion on the state of disability in our community. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to take a leading role in this discussion. Please let us know how we can create a safe and accessible space for you.

1:55-2:00pm – Closing Remarks

In the spirit of empowerment,
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