

Main Points From Intersectional Disability Justice Talk hosted by DASH

- Bless the Blood → Memoir in verse writing about being diagnosed with leukemia
- Disability is a site of possibility
- Art is a means of shifting consciousness... we need art to imagine other worlds
- Once you get into medical system, the goal is to prolong the process... profiting off of sick bodies → realities of capitalism
- We all need access to care, and there are providers that are willing to give good care... but the system as a whole is a mess and not inherently caring
- Disability justice has hit the mainstream disability community... but some ppl aren't incorporating 10 principles of disability justice... how can we have a unified front?
- Literary and activist lineage
 - Someone whose life or work has been important to you and forging your own path
 - Check in question → who has been a prominent ancestor to you?
 - Talked about disability activists
 - Influential people who have driven some of us to medicine
- Concept of eldering → having the knowledge/experience that someone might else might be going through and could use your knowledge

Crip Camp

- Judy worked in Clinton, Obama administrations and worked for World Bank as a disability consultant
 - Activists but in many main stream environments
- Disability specific spaces can build such strong community
- Camp felt like a separate space for them to figure out what works or doesn't work for them
 - Separation from mainstream society... physical and mental space for accessibility
- Disability rights movie... but they were using the principles of disability justice
 - Centering intersectionality
 - Collective Access and Collective liberation → Sit in, Black panthers and other LGBT organizations going to the aid of the protestors
 - Cross disability solidarity → community at the camp and they all had different disabilities/experiences
 - At sit in when they cut off the phones → deaf people's time to step up/take the lead in facilitating communication
 - Judy is a leader who is promoting non-hierarchy
 - Even at camp, she made sure that everyone had a chance to express what they wanted to eat
 - Anti-capitalist politic → rest activism; camp described as a mini woodstock; no goal-oriented productivity; just being teenagers
- No hierarchy at camp, but there was a hierarchy back in mainstream society
 - Polios on top because they looked more normal

- Disabled teenagers excited because there was an outbreak of crabs → expression of teenage sexuality, its celebrated
- “Everyone here has something going on with their body”, they are not differentiated or singled out from the group
- Overlap between disability rights and disability justice
 - Disability justice is more recent, centering diverse groups
- We can take for granted the ADA, 504, other laws, etc. just because it is clear to us that there is so much that needs to happen (so many spaces that are inaccessible), but they are really important
 - The fight is constant
 - Not all countries have laws surrounding accessibility, even compared to the basic level that US has
- Anecdote: Couple with dwarfism have typical sized kids
 - From birth involved in disability culture
 - Kids are non disabled but are aware of size, height, and inaccessibility based on these things