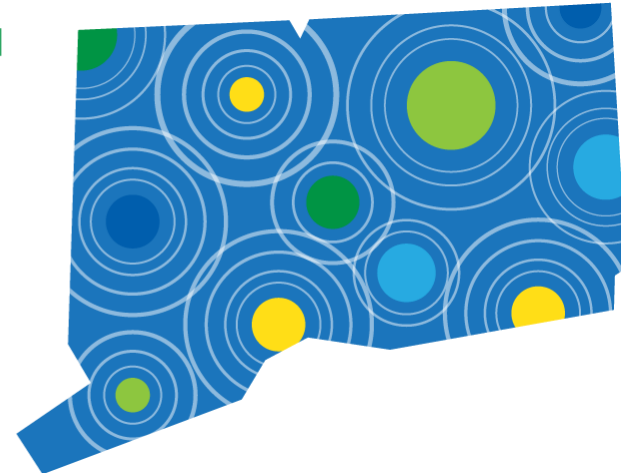


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Local Actions. Statewide Impact.



Introductions

Name

Pronouns

Location

What inspired you to be here today?

WELCOME,

Social Justice Series Overview

Session 1:
Deconstructing
#BlackLivesMatter
& white
supremacy

Session 2:
Disability Justice
in time of COVID

Session 3:
LGBTQ and TGNC
Voice in our
Communities

Session 4:
Building our
Future
Communities with
Transformation
Justice



Social Justice Series: Unpacking equity to create community impact

Ground Rules

- Remember we're not just discussing theory, we're discussing things that impact folks every single day, including individuals on this call as such the following are necessary for us all to follow:
 - Approach the topics covered today from a place of curiosity, as opposed to defensiveness
 - Honor self and others
 - Communicate your needs throughout the session with Sustainable CT staff
 - Balance sharing and listening
 - Ask questions

Session 2 Agenda

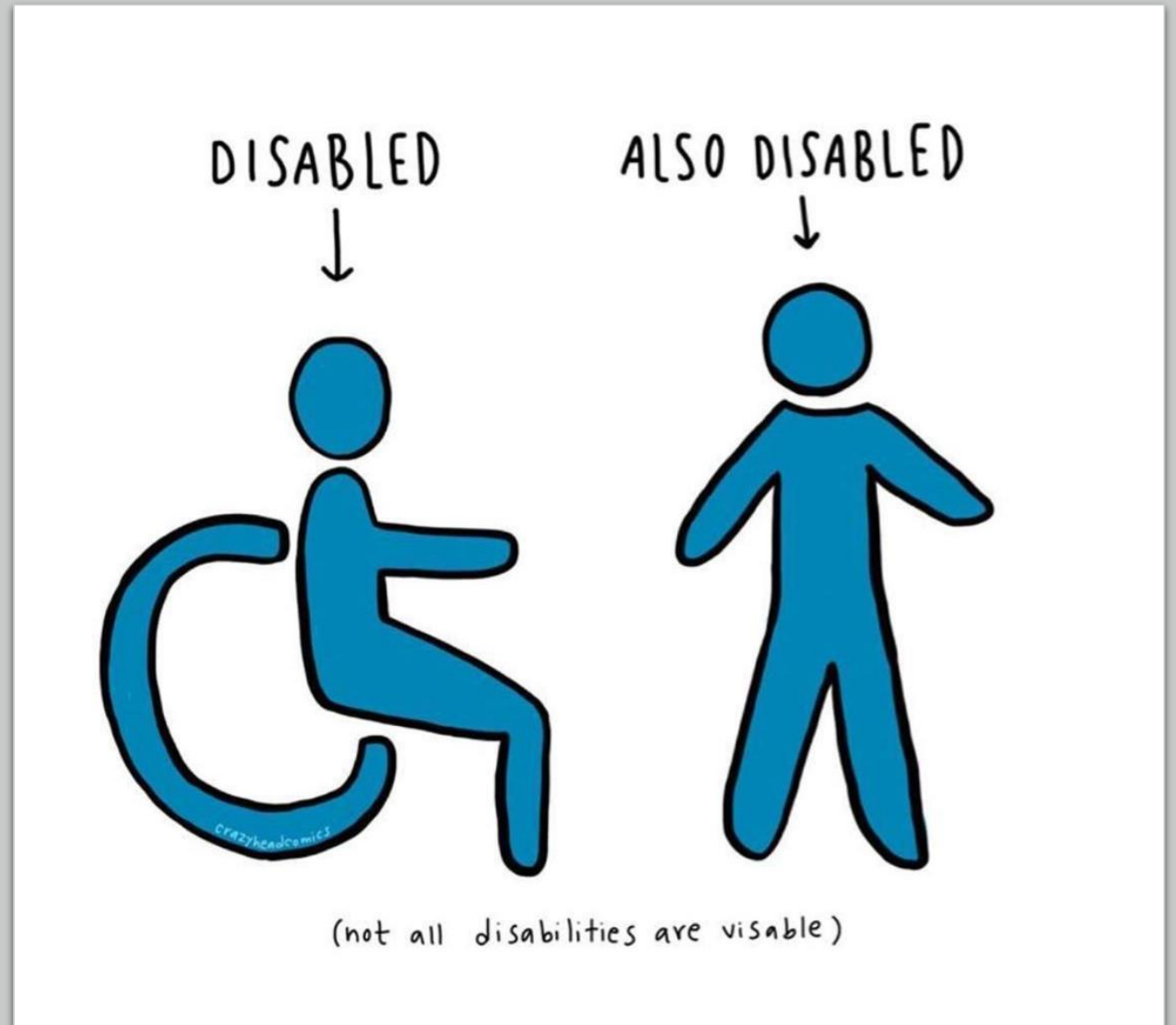
- **Disability Justice**
 - What it is?
 - Why is it important?
 - Environmental Justice and Disability Justice
 - Ableism
 - COVID-19
- **Creating Accessible Communities**
 - Moving beyond productivity/ableism
 - Best practices from COVID

To consider throughout this session

What is a value you have
outside of Capitalism?

What is Disability & Disability Justice?

What is Disability?

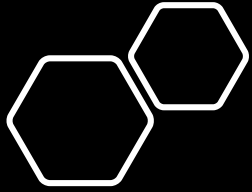


What is Disability Justice?



- The term disability justice was coined out of conversations between disabled queer women of color activists in 2005, including Patty Berne of Sins Invalid (and Mia Mingus & Stacy Milbern, who eventually united with Leroy Moore, Eli Clare, and Sebastian Margaret) seeking to challenge radical and progressive movements to more fully address ableism.
- ***"Disability Justice** was built because the Disability Rights Movement and Disability Studies do not inherently centralize the needs and experiences of folks experiencing intersectional oppression, such as disabled people of color, immigrants with disabilities, queers with disabilities, trans and gender non-conforming people with disabilities, people with disabilities who are houseless, people with disabilities who are incarcerated, people with disabilities who have had their ancestral lands stolen, amongst others."* ([Source](#))
- Disability justice recognizes the intersecting legacies of white supremacy, colonial capitalism, gendered oppression and ableism in understanding how people's' bodies and minds are labelled '**deviant**', '**unproductive**', '**disposable**' and/or '**invalid**'.

How does this relate to Environmental Justice?



A definition of Environmental Justice?

An equitable movement that addresses and eradicates the root causes (systems) that prevent all individuals from access to basic human needs (food, water, safety, etc) and the inequitable distribution of resources based on definitions of social constructs that deem certain identities as less than. This movement is built on concepts of Intersectionality, Accountability, transformation, and cross solidarity with all Justice movements.*

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How does this relate to
conversations about
race?

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

KILLING

RACE, REPRODUCTION,
AND THE
MEANING OF LIBERTY

THE

BLACK

WITH A NEW PREFACE
BY THE AUTHOR

BODY

"A must-read for all those who
claim to care about racial and
gender justice in America."

—MICHELLE ALEXANDER,
author of *The New Jim Crow*

DOROTHY ROBERTS

AUTHOR OF *FATAL INVENTION* AND *SHATTERED BONDS*

Let's break it down.

- 50% of individuals murdered by the police are disabled.
- The PIC is the largest mental health care system in the country.
- Black and Indigenous bodies are the most regulated.
- Having a disability is a cause for barring an individual from immigrating to the United States

INTERSECTIONALITY

**LEADERSHIP OF THOSE
MOST IMPACTED**

ANTI-CAPITALISM

cross-movement organizing

wholeness

sustainability

cross-disability solidarity

INTERDEPENDENCE

COLLECTIVE

ACCESS & collective

Liberation

Disability and the Environment

- How do we move away from ableist movements that are not here for BIPOC, Poor, Fat, Queer... Disabled bodies?



Karrie Higgins  @karriehiggins · 21h

So because abled people might get sick now:

- conferences will livestream & Skype even though they told disabled members it would mean "bad reviews" & glitches when disabled people asked for that accommodation

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Karrie Higgins  @karriehiggins · 21h

- Starbucks is all about disposable cups even though they banned straws knowing disabled people could choke or die of a virus or bacteria from reusable ones
- employers are all about remote working even though they refused to accommodate disabled workers with the exact same

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Karrie Higgins  @karriehiggins · 46m

Add this to the list! I've been denied this very accommodation! 🙄

[twitter.com/bymikebaker/st...](https://twitter.com/bymikebaker/status/1234567890)

Mike Baker  @ByMikeBaker · 4h

BREAKING: The University of Washington, with more than 50,000 students, is closing classrooms and moving to remote learning amid the coronavirus outbreak. [nytimes.com/2020/03/06/us/...](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/06/us/...)



What does this
lead to?

At a time when
Disabled folks
are critically at
risk, how have
we centered
Disability in our
COVID
response?





What are some things we can do in our communities?

- Prioritize the creation of a world beyond capitalism
- Center disabled voices
- Create pathways for self-actualization that are accessible
- Be accountable
- Fund disabled folks

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If it's not for everyone, especially the
most impacted, it's not ~~Justice~~!

Thank You

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