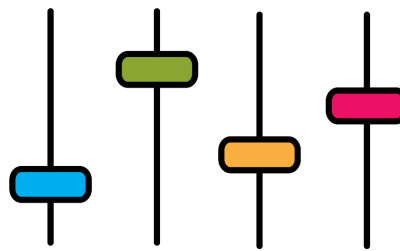


>> SLIDE 1

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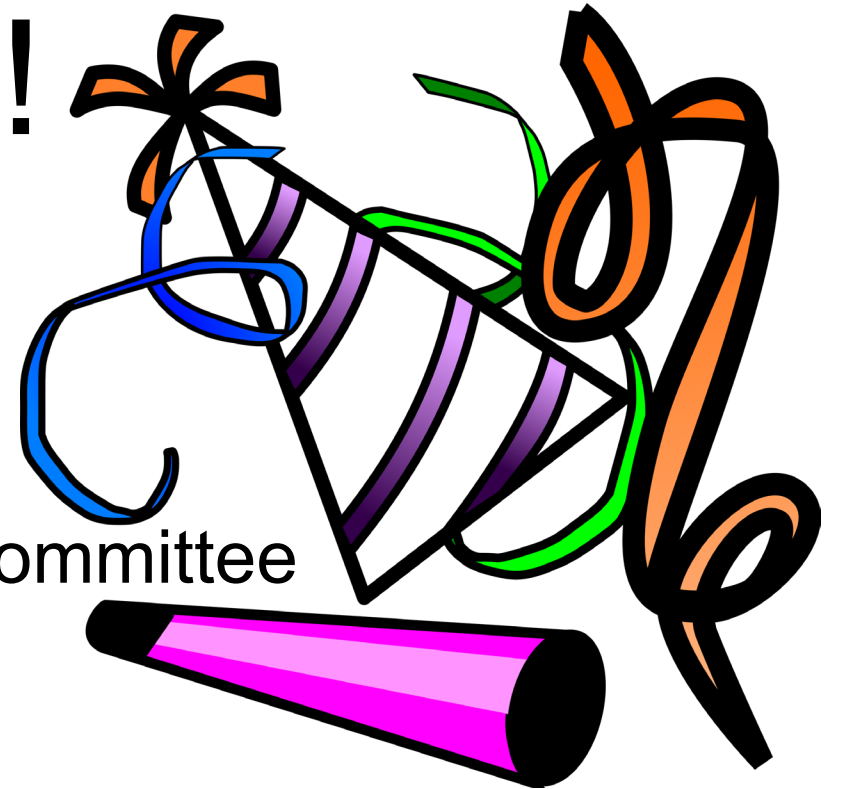
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>> SLIDE 2

Everyone's Welcome to the IL Party!

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The Empowerment IN Access Committee



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The graphic is a 2x2 grid of colored squares, each containing a different party-related illustration and text label. The top-left square is blue and features a white cat with orange ears peeking from behind a vertical line, with a speech bubble saying "HELLO!". The text "INVITE" is written in large, bold, black letters. The top-right square is orange and features a DJ wearing a yellow hoodie and sunglasses, standing behind a DJ console. The text "DJ BOOTH" is written in large, bold, black letters. The bottom-left square is green and features a stylized illustration of a building with a soccer ball on top. The text "VENUE" is written in large, bold, black letters. The bottom-right square is pink and features a globe character with a face, wearing sunglasses and pointing, surrounded by confetti and streamers. The text "DANCE FLOOR" is written in large, bold, black letters.

INVITE

DJ BOOTH

VENUE

DANCE FLOOR

>> SLIDE 4: Instructions

Please write one part of your identity on each of your four sticky notes.

Examples, your disability, language, age, marital status, gender, or background



>> SLIDE 5: Reflection

Then respond to the prompt for each zone:

- **Invite Zone:** *Have you ever felt left out of advocacy because of who you are?*
- **Venue Zone:** *What barriers do you face accessing spaces—physical, digital, or social?*
- **Dance Floor Zone:** *What supports have enabled you to fully participate or lead?*
- **DJ Booth Zone:** *When have your preferences shaped how advocacy happened?*

>> SLIDE 7: Breakout Questions by Zone

- **Invite Zone**: Who's missing, and how do we reach them?
- **Venue Zone**: What blocks access, and how do we reduce or remove it?
- **Dance Floor Zone**: What helps people participate and lead fully?
- **DJ Booth Zone**: Who's shaping decisions? Who else should?

Then we will come back together and share as a group

>> SLIDE 8: Pledge Card

Let's share two standout ideas from each group: one quick, one big.
Now, fill out your pledge cards:

- **Quick Step** (within 1 month)
- **Leadership Step** (within 6 months)
These are about access, right-based participation, and giving everyone a voice.

>> SLIDE 9: Final Reflection

Dancing Time:

Find someone in the room you don't know.

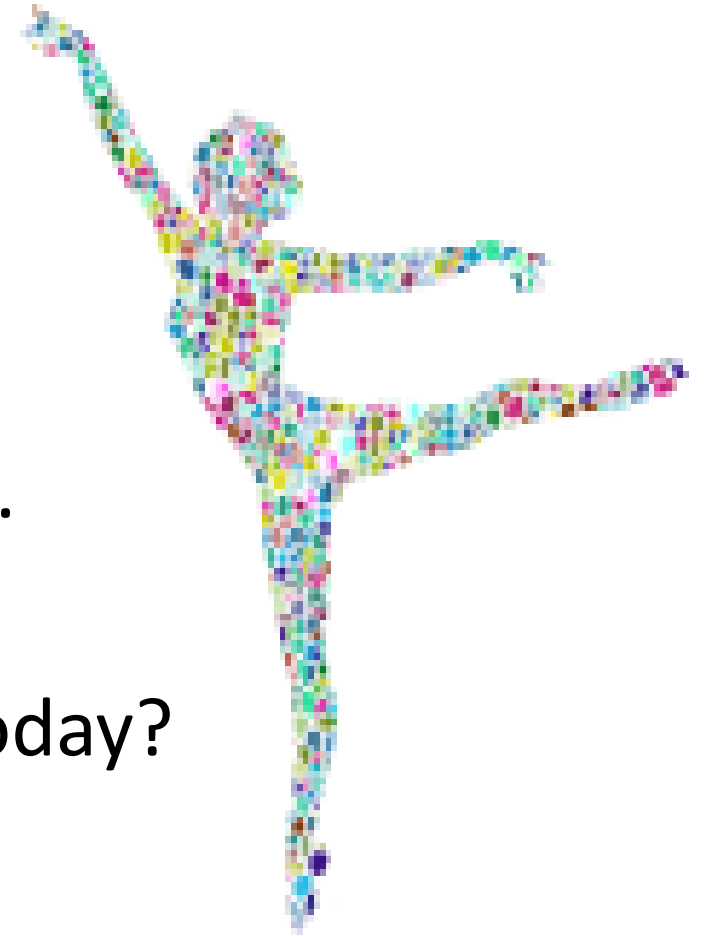
Introduce yourself.

Tell them what surprised or inspired you today?

What surprised or inspired them?

Was their experience different than yours?

How can you both make the conversation better next time?



>> SLIDE 10: Takeaways

Thank you for joining this community of peer-led, barrier-free, merit-based participation. That's what independent living is all about.

If you haven't done so already, please go to the website and fill out the demographic survey.

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