

Focusing on disability inclusion is social justice, featuring Dessa Cosma

Dessa Cosma executive director of Detroit Disability Power and a disability rights advocate. In this video interview, she outlines why people with disabilities must be centered in social justice work.

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[serious piano music]

DESSA COSMA: My name is Dessa Cosma. I am a white, disabled woman. I'm a little person who often uses a wheelchair.

People with disabilities are some of the most impoverished people in the United States. We typically live below the poverty line, and because of lack of access to education and jobs, we will remain there unless we do something about it. And so to work on anti-poverty or economic justice without a focus, at least in some way, on disability means that you're leaving out the most marginalized people in that marginalized category.

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