

Philanthropy needs to be more inclusive, featuring Ryan Easterly

Ryan Easterly is executive director of the WITH Foundation and has significant experience as a grant maker, strategist, and advocate. In this video interview, he elaborates on why philanthropy needs to be more inclusive of disability in all areas of funding.

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[active piano and percussion music]

RYAN EASTERLY: My name is Ryan Easterly. I am a black man with a teal-and-white striped shirt, wearing glasses. I identify, personally, as a black, gay person with disability who's a former foster kid.

Philanthropy needs to do a better job reflecting society and communities in general. I encourage foundations and funders to really consider the scope of disability and the aspects of life that it touches on. Sometimes disability doesn't have a seat at the table.

If you are a health funder, you should care about disability. If you are funding education issues, you should care about disability. I'm hard-pressed to think of an issue that a funder, a foundation, could care about and want to have an impact on that doesn't include disability.

VOICE-OVER: Where are you in your Journey to Inclusion? For more information, go to DisabilityPhilanthropy.org, and promote using the hashtag DisabilityInclusion. Brought to you by the Presidents' Council on Disability Inclusion in Philanthropy.

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