

Coffee and Advocacy Meeting Notes



Meeting Topic

This was the first coffee and advocacy meeting of the year. We brainstormed topics that the group would like to discuss throughout the year

What We Did

We brainstormed discussion topics. The group would like to talk about issues relating to: transportation, accessibility, decision making rights, direct funding, issues with agencies and staffing support



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Meeting Topic

We met in person at Community Living Toronto. The topic was “what is ARCH Disability Law Centre and Respecting Rights”

What We Did

We had a presentation from Respecting Rights members and an ARCH law student on ARCH’s services. We did a role play about our right to make our own decisions and had a group discussion about why it is important to make our own decisions in our lives.



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Meeting Topic

This month's topic was focused on your right to make decisions in your life

What We Did

·We did a role play on healthcare decision making rights and your right to be in a relationship. We played true or false games and had an open discussion about the importance of making your own decisions even if family or staff disagree with your choices.



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Meeting Topic

This month's topic was focused on issues with transportation accessibility in Toronto

What We Did

Respecting Rights members did a presentation on the Accessible Canada's Act (ACA) and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). We talked about ARCH's work in accessibility and transportation and we had a discussion about issues people faced with accessible transportation.



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This month's meeting was offered as a hybrid and the topic was focused on ARCH's Services and an open discussion on a variety of topics led by self-advocates

What We Did

ARCH law students did a presentation about ARCH's services and led a true or false game and role play on decision making rights.



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This month's meeting was in person and focused on decision-making rights and being a self-advocate

What We Did

We talked about what self-advocacy meant to us, and what is important when making decisions. We did some art and played a game where we had something we like taken away and then talked about how that made us feel.



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Meeting Topic

This month's meeting was in person and focused on decision-making rights and accessing and managing your own money

What We Did

We watched a Respecting Rights Youtube video on your right to access your own money. We had a conversation about our rights to access our own money and shared stories about times when we weren't allowed to make decisions about our finances.



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Meeting Topic

This month's meeting was in person and focused on learning about the Ontario Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

What We Did

We had an ARCH lawyer teach us about the Ontario Human Rights Code and the AODA. We also talked about why accessibility is important in Toronto, and what message we want to send to the government about the importance of making sure Ontario is accessible.



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Meeting Topic

This month's meeting was virtual and focused on learning about the 5 Standards of the AODA

What We Did

We had an ARCH lawyer teach us about the 5 Standards of the AODA: Information and Communication, Customer Service, Employment, Transportation and Design of Public Spaces. We also talked about why it is important for Ontario to be accessible.



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Meeting Topic

This month's meeting was virtual and focused on learning about the first standard of the AODA: Information and Communication

What We Did

We had an ARCH lawyer teach us about the first standard of the AODA. We played Role play games to practice asking for accessible information in a restaurant, and talked about why it is important to have information given to us in an accessible way.



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Meeting Topic

This month's meeting was virtual and focused on celebrating National AccessAbility Week!

What We Did

We had an ARCH lawyer teach us about the first standard of the AODA. We played Role play games to practice asking for accessible information in a restaurant, and talked about why it is important to have information given to us in an accessible way.



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