

# EPYOC EXPRESS

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## SEE YOU AT A MEETING!

### IN PERSON DREAM TEAM MEETING

WHEN: AUGUST 7, 2024 4PM-5PM  
EQUALITY COMMUNITY CENTER  
15 CASCO ST - PORTLAND

### ADVOCACY 101: SKILL BUILDING

WHEN: AUGUST 2, 16, 30, 2024 4-4:45PM  
ZOOM MEETING ID: 831 2797 4714  
PASSWORD: 492829

### LET'S JOB TALK

WHEN: AUGUST 5 & 19, 2024 11:15AM-12PM  
ZOOM MEETING ID: 821 7014 2155  
PASSWORD: 121694

### VIRTUAL DREAM TEAM MEETING

WHEN: AUGUST 21, 2024 11AM-12PM  
ZOOM MEETING ID: 819 0088 1844  
PASSWORD: 601488



PICTURED ABOVE: LETTA THE QUEEN - A WHITE DRAG QUEEN WITH A BLONDE WIG, WEARING A BRIGHT PINK DRESS WITH SPARKLES - WITH MARCO ORLANDO - A WHITE MALE WITH DARK HAIR, WEARING A BLACK SHIRT AND YELLOW TINTED SUNGLASSES

JULY 19 WAS SUNNY AND WARM AT MILLS PARK IN AUGUSTA FOR DISABILITY PRIDE! OVER 200 GUESTS HEARD MEANINGFUL REFLECTIONS FROM SELF ADVOCATE MARCO ORLANDO AND SIMONE MALINE FROM THE CONSUMER COUNCIL OF MAINE AND BOOGIED DOWN WITH LETTA THE QUEEN AND BLUE ROOM FRANKENSTEIN. THE YOUTH SELF ADVOCACY PROJECT COLLECTED STORIES FROM SOME PASSIONATE YOUNG MAINERS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AS SELF-ADVOCATES!



PICTURED ABOVE: THE BAND, BLUE ROOM FRANKENSTEIN - A GROUP OF 9 PEOPLE IN DARK BAND TEE SHIRTS, SMILING

**“SELF-ADVOCACY IS THE AVENUE TO LIFE FOR ME. IT’S THE ON RAMP.”**

-DYLAN SULLIVAN

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# Join Maine's First **DREAM** Team

A GROUP FOR AND LED BY YOUNG MAINERS (14-25) WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**D**isability **R**ights **E**ducation  
**A**dvocacy **M**entoring

In-Person Meeting  
Equality Community Center (15 Casco St)  
Portland from 4-5pm  
First Wednesday of EVERY Month

Virtual Meeting  
11am-12pm  
Zoom Meeting ID:819 0088 1844  
Password: 601488  
Third Wednesday of EVERY Month

Follow us on Facebook.com/DRMYouthSelfAdvocacy for meeting info

# LOOKING FOR STORIES FROM SELF ADVOCATES!

**THE YOUTH SELF ADVOCACY PROJECT IS LOOKING FOR TESTIMONIALS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING WITH IDD(S) TO PROMOTE SELF-ADVOCACY! TELL US YOUR STORY - WE WANT TO HEAR YOU RECORD YOURSELF AND SEND TO PROJECT DIRECTOR KATE AT [KTURPEN@DRME.ORG](mailto:KTURPEN@DRME.ORG)**



How do you define self advocacy?

Have you ever been underestimated because you have a disability?

What does 'Nothing About Us Without Us' mean to you?

How have you spoken up for yourself?

# PEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you a client in a Community Support Program interested in helping others learn how to advocate for themselves in Person Centered Planning meetings?

Stipends available!

Scan to Register



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Trainings scheduled for  
Summer 2024

- Learn about Person Centered Planning
- Learn how to teach others to advocate for themselves
- Make real system wide change for others

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