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Spotlight on Disability Justice

The Disability Justice framework is practiced on an individual, cultural, and societal level. It asks us to be responsible for both what we do to make change and how we go about doing the work to make it. The focus expanding from educating and advocacy around systems and attitudes, to working with other oppressed groups, educating ourselves, and creating solutions and community power that can serve everyone.

Taken from definition created by Naomi Ortiz based on *Disability Activist Collective notes*. (Edited 2014)



February is Black History Month

- **February 6:** International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
- **February 17–21:** BC Heritage Week
- **February 20:** United Nations Social Justice Day
- **February 21–27:** Freedom to Read Week
- **February 24:** Pink Shirt Day

The [BCTF Social Justice Calendar of Events](#) lists many important dates to remember each month of the year. (English and French)



Disability Rights lesson plans can be found here:

bctf.ca/socialjustice.aspx?id=54225

Find this and other Disability Justice resources, on the [BCTF Disability Justice web pages](#).

[The Rick Hansen Foundation](#)

[Foundry—Featured resource for schools](#)

[Understanding and Challenging Ableism](#)

[Diversibility and Ableism](#)

[Lydia Brown: Disability Justice Lessons: Brazelton Center for Mental Health](#)

[The 10 Principles of Disability Justice](#)



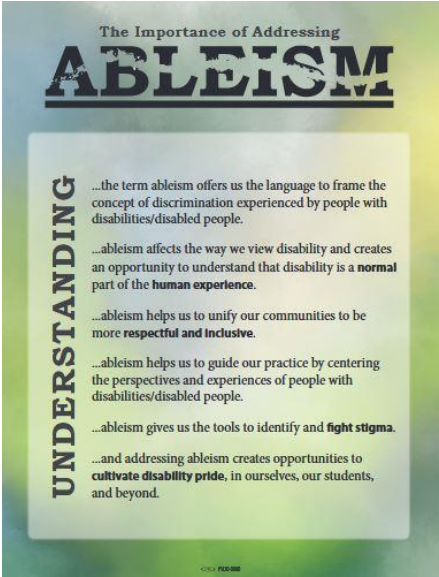
Addressing Ableism (90 minutes)

Ableism is a set of beliefs or practices that devalue and discriminate against people with physical, intellectual, or psychiatric disabilities and often rests on the assumption that disabled people need to be ‘fixed’ in one form or the other. In this workshop, participants will learn more about the

way we view disability and learn how to identify and fight the stigma that people with physical, intellectual, or psychiatric disabilities face every day. Teachers will discuss and reflect on how an understanding of ableism can guide their practice to cultivate disability pride in ourselves, our students, and beyond.

To request another Social Justice workshop for a school-based, local, or regional professional development day or for School Union Representative Training (SURT), click on the “Book this Workshop” link below the workshop description on the BCTF [Social Justice Workshops](#) page.

Disability Justice Poster



This poster that explains Ableism is available for download on the website and can be found here:

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Opportunities for Members

The Committee for Action on Social Justice has an opening on its LGBTQ2S+ Action Group. For more information and an application form, see the [posting](#) on the [BCTF Committee/Facilitators Postings page](#) under Opportunities for Members on the BCTF website. The application deadline is February 16, 2021.

Grants & Awards

For information on BCTF social justice grants, including [Local Social Justice Grants](#), the [Ed May Social Responsibility Fund](#), [Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant](#), and [Regional Social Justice Conference Fund](#), visit the [Social Justice Grants and Funds page](#) on the BCTF website.

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