



....You do not need
To be able to
...do any of those things
that you just can't do
To be proud.
A caseworker cannot make
you proud,
Or a doctor.

You only need more practice.
You get proud by practicing.

*Laura Hershey- American activist
with a disability*

**"It's about owning my life
and owning my stories and
being able to identify with
them in a way that doesn't
include shame. In a way
where I can be proud of who
I am and the steps I've taken,
the interests I have, the
things I do."**

*Larissa McFarlane- Australian
Disability Pride Artist*

Do you really
embrace the
world's largest
minority?



Inner west disability pride fest
is organised by a team of
volunteers with disabilities.
Everyone appearing on stage
has a disability. We have
funding from Inner West
Council

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WHAT IS DISABILITY PRIDE?

And why does it
matter?





Celebrate the world's largest and most diverse minority

There are approximately 1 billion people in the world with disabilities. Disability pride is a global movement with events on every other continent.

We are united by one message - People with disability are distinctive, talented, diverse and unique; We are a beautiful part of human diversity and we deserve to be respected, valued and embraced.

We affirm our worth and value and celebrate ourselves and our identity and invite you to join us.

We need cultural change to stop current mistreatment

- **People are often deported for becoming disabled or having a child with a disability**
- **Australia has one of the lowest employment rates for people with disability in the developed world**
- **9 out of 10 women with intellectual disability report being sexually assaulted**
- **Disabilities were not considered in covid planning and we were secretly deprioritised for vaccines**



Disability pride is

A celebration of us

People with disabilities are a valuable part of human diversity. We deserve not just to be included, but to be celebrated. We reclaim our identity as a community together.

A protest

We are proclaiming that the stigma, exclusion and human rights abuses we face as people with disabilities must end

Inspiration porn

We do not celebrate people with disabilities in an objectifying way for the pleasure or motivation of so-called "normal" people.

A denial of hardships:

Life with a disability can be hard. Often this is because of society's response to the disability, and we seek to protest those. We also affirm that we can still have a sense of identity, community and pride in our whole selves as we are, and reject all shame.