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## **Expanding the Circle: Aboriginal People with Disabilities Focus on Rights**

**Project highlights the rights of and difficulties faced by Aboriginal people with disabilities**

**Toronto- Can you imagine a world where we are all equal? A world where you can actively participate in and give back to your community as a First Nations/Aboriginal person with a disability? A world free from discrimination and barriers?**

**The Expanding the Circle Project would like to invite First Nations/ Aboriginal people with disabilities to share their stories. This project, run by Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI) is guided by a steering committee of First Nations/Aboriginal people and their allies.**

**Its aim is to increase human rights training and awareness among First Nations/Aboriginal people with disabilities, and to collect and share their stories so that we can better understand and address the barriers they face.**

**Through this project, participants and their communities may learn about resources available for disability rights support, and they may learn about ways that other communities support people with disabilities. In addition, the results of this research will be shared with all communities and will be used to develop human rights education resources and tools that could support First Nations/ Aboriginal people with disabilities in monitoring their own rights and in taking an active role to impact social policy.**

**If you are a First Nations /Aboriginal person with a disability your voice is important. It's time to talk. Share your story with Expanding the Circle. The First Nations /Aboriginal people with disabilities who are already involved in the project say "Let's speak out against inequality, Now's the time to share your story."**

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