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| **November 2018** |

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| **Congratulations...** |
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| Congratulations to ODR's very first Director, Eve Hill, on being inducted to the Susan Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame. "Eve has been instrumental in developing many national and international leaders and advocates through her own mentoring and involvement in the disability rights community" - Director Mathew McCollough.Congratulations to the entire Class of 2018!**Learn more about the Susan Daniels Disability Mentoring Hall of Fame and all of its inductees:** [**ndmc.pyd.org/hall-of-fame/class-of-2018/**](https://ndmc.pyd.org/hall-of-fame/class-of-2018/)**.** |  | Eve Hill smiles |

**Upcoming Events** **ASL After Five - Deaf Happy Hour**

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| Catch up with old friends and make new ones as you enjoy drinks and snack at the ASL After Five, Deaf Happy Hour**When:** Friday, November 2nd at 5:00 PM**Location:** The National Portrait Gallery, Great Hall, Third Floor. 8th and F Street NW.**RSVP to:** **NPGAccess@si.edu** |  | National Portrait Gallery logo |

**Discovering Deaf Worlds**

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| Director Mathew McCollough will speak on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Discovering Deaf Worlds 2018 Gala on Saturday, November 3rd.**To learn more about Discovering Deaf Worlds, visit** [**www.discoveringdeafworlds.org/**](http://www.discoveringdeafworlds.org/) |  | Discovering Deaf Worlds Logo |

**Art Enables Gala**

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| Celebrate the work of Art Enables and spark some creative fire at the Spark 2018 Gala!**When:** Saturday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM**Location:** Art Enables Studio and Gallery, 2204 Rhode Island Avenue, NE**Learn more:** [**art-enables.org/spark/**](https://art-enables.org/spark/) |  | Art Enables Spark |

**2019 AAPD Summer Internship Program**

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| Since 2002, the AAPD Summer Internship Program has developed the next generation of leaders with disabilities and offered host employers access to a talented, diverse workforce.Each summer, AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in summer internships with Congressional offices, federal agencies, non-profits, and for-profit organizations in the Washington, DC area.**The deadline to apply is Monday, November 5th at 5:00 PM ET****Apply today:** [**aapd1995.wufoo.com/forms/z12fekbj1wlz25m/**](https://aapd1995.wufoo.com/forms/z12fekbj1wlz25m/) |  | AAPD Logo |

**S.T.A.R Baby Signs**

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| Singing, Talking and Reading (S.T.A.R.) are important parts of early literacy that can start at birth. If you are a caregiver or parent interested in enhancing pre-literacy development, fine motor skills, bonding and communication with your young child (under 5 years old), join the DC Public Library for their Deaf-friendly S.T.A.R. Baby Signs class to incorporate sign language into your daily life.**When:** November 5th through December 17th**Location:** Petworth Library, 4200 Kansas Ave, NW**To learn more about the class and how to sign up visit,** [**www.dclibrary.org/node/61800**](https://www.dclibrary.org/node/61800) |  | Woman holds a puppet |

**Film Screening of The Invalid Corps**

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| In recognition of Veteran and Military Families Month, join ODR and the DC Public Library for a showing of the film, The Invalid Corps: A Forgotten History of Disabled Veterans followed by audience discussion with filmmaker Day Al-Mohamed.Popcorn and beverages will be available.**When:** Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM**Location:** Cleveland Park Library, 3310 Connecticut Ave, NW**RSVP:** [**invalid-corps.eventbrite.com**](https://invalid-corps.eventbrite.com/) |  | The Invalid Corps |

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| **Welcoming Veterans with Disabilities into the Workplace**

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| TransCen, Inc. and the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center will host a webinar designed to educate the business community about veterans with disabilities who are transitioning to the workplace.Participants will explore how to create a welcoming environment for veterans with disabilities, and learn about the unique aspects of military culture. The presenters will discuss attitudes and behaviors that can affect veterans with disabilities, and examine how that might impact employee engagement in the business culture.  **When:** Wednesday, November 7th at 2:00 PM**Location:** Webinar**For more information and to register, visit:** [**www.adainfo.org/training/welcoming-veterans-workplace**](http://www.adainfo.org/training/welcoming-veterans-workplace) |  | Mid-Atlantic ADA Center Logo |

**Disability Rights in Indonesia**

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| Join the United States International Council on Disabilities  for a Brown Bag session on Disability Rights in Indonesia. Wike Erianti will share information on her work as the Program Officer for Human Rights and her work at the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.**When:** Thursday, November 8th at 11:30 AM**Location:** 2013 H Street NW**RSVP,** [**www.eventbrite.com/e/disability-rights-in-indonesia-registration-52012919041?aff=ebdssbdestsearch**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disability-rights-in-indonesia-registration-52012919041?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) |  | a woman in a wheelchair holds a bow and arrow |

**XXXhibition: The Real Deal**

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| DAWN is hosting XXXhibition: The Real Deal to raise funds for Deaf Survivors FUND to provide emergency advocacy services to Deaf, DeafDisabled, DeafBlind, and Hard-of-Hearing survivors in MD, VA, and DC areas while at the same time, providing a night where everyone will witness  ASL stories, A-Z stories, Skits, Drag performances, and many more!**When:** Sunday, November 11th at 8:00 PM**Location:** Smith Public Trust, 3514 12th Street NE**RSVP:** [**www.eventbrite.com/e/xxxhibition-the-real-deal-tickets-51776498902?aff=ebdssbdestsearch**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/xxxhibition-the-real-deal-tickets-51776498902?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) |  | DAWN's flyer for event |

**The Disability Community Outreach Collaborative (DCOC) November Meeting**

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| **When:** Thursday, November 15th at 10:00 AM**Location:** 441 4th St., NW, 11th Floor Conference CenterConference Call line: 1-712-775-7035. Access Code: 882749#**For any questions or further information please contact Mercia Bowser,****merciadbowser@gmail.com** |  | Mercia Bowser and individuals pose for camera |

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| **ASAN 2018 GALA**

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| Join the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) for a special celebration including key note speaker, Liz Weintraub, a disability policy expert and Self-Advocacy Specialist at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Liz is a founding member of the self-advocacy movement and her work has blazed a trail for others to follow, including ASAN.**When:** Thursday, November 15th**Location:** The Hamilton, 600 14th Street NW**RSVP:** [**autisticadvocacy.networkforgood.com/events/8170-2018-asan-annual-gala**](https://autisticadvocacy.networkforgood.com/events/8170-2018-asan-annual-gala) |  | ASAN Logo |

**Commission on Persons with Disabilities November Meeting**

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| Join the DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities for their November Meeting. The public are encouraged to attend. This month's meeting is in-person.**When:** Thursday, November 29th at 10:00 AM**Location:** 441 4th Street NW, 11th Floor Conference CenterFor those unable to join in-person please join by phone:**Call-In Number:** (866) 628-2987**Passcode:** 8488992**For any reasonable accommodation requests please contact Julia.wolhandler@dc.gov or call 202-727-2890.** **To learn more about the Commission visit:** [**odr.dc.gov/DCCPD**](https://odr.dc.gov/DCCPD) |  | Commissioners with Mayor Bowser |

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| **Text to 911**

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| Did you know that last year Mayor Bowser launched Text to 911 for individuals who may not be able to call 911?! This was created in partnership with the Office of Unified Command, Gallaudet University, the FCC, and local public safety agencies. Text to 911 allows all residents of DC to contact 911 with the communication means that are best for them at the time of an emergency.**Check out this video about Text to 911 in ASL:** [**www.youtube.com/watch?v=42LzKzvOtgU&feature=youtu.be**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42LzKzvOtgU&feature=youtu.be)**To learn more about Text to 911 visit,** [**ouc.dc.gov/page/text-911**](https://ouc.dc.gov/page/text-911) |  | Text to 911 Flyer |

**Olmstead Corner**What is person-centered thinking? Person-centered thinking is a way of thinking that encourages people with disabilities to take control of the types of services and supports we receive from the government.  It is a philosophy that empowers you to let your voice be heard and make meaningful choices.  In DC, we are working hard to educate the people who work with people with disabilities every day that this type of thinking should become a way of life. To find out more about what the District is doing to promote person-centered service visit, [odr.dc.gov/page/olmstead](https://odr.dc.gov/page/olmstead)If you have questions about Olmstead in DC or want to get involved with the Working Group meetings for the upcoming calendar year, please reach out to ODR at 202-724-5055 or olmstead@dc.gov. **ODR Spotlight** **2018 Disability Mentoring Days**

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| As part of the 2018 Disability Mentoring Days ODR and the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) hosted three students on Tuesday, October 30th. Two were from Ballou High School and one was from Eastern High School. We discussed what their goals are in ten years from now, what they want to accomplish, and how they can accomplish those goals. The three students shadowed staff throughout the day and learned about each staff person's position in the office.Continuing with Disability Mentoring Days, on Thursday, November 1st, ODR and DDC visited with 15 students at Dunbar High School to talk about employment for people with disabilities.**Learn more about Disability Mentoring Days and how you can participate next year in 2019:** [**www.aapd.com/disability-mentoring-day/**](https://www.aapd.com/disability-mentoring-day/) |  | Two students pose infront of the ODR sign |

**Happy Halloween**

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| ODR staff celebrated Halloween by dressing up in costumes and making treats. Check out some of our pictures on our Facebook Page [@DisabilityRights](https://www.facebook.com/disabilityrights/?ref=bookmarks) |  | Mat poses in a halloween mask |

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| For Information about ODR’s Newsletter call (202)724-5055 or visit the web at odr.dc.gov.441 4th Street NW, Suite 729 North, Washington DC 20001, Phone: (202)724-5055Fax: (202)727-9484. E-mail: ODR.Complaints@dc.gov**Mission Statement**The mission of the District Office of Disability Rights (ODR) is to ensure that the programs, services, benefits, activities and facilities operated or funded by the District of Columbia are fully accessible to, and useable by people with disabilities. ODR is committed to inclusion, community-based services, and self-determination for people with disabilities. ODR is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the City's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as other disability rights laws. |

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