

DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN) Toronto

DAWN Toronto is a feminist organization controlled by and made up of women with disabilities. We are from all backgrounds and all disabilities, disabled and non-disabled. DAWN Toronto supports disabled women in their struggles to control their own lives.

Our Goals

- To reach out to all disabled women, including women from ethno-racial minorities, aboriginal women, lesbians, bi-sexuals, women in institutions, and single parents.
- To address such issues as employment equity, poverty, violence, parenting, sexuality, and health.
- To be a bridge between the disabled consumer movement and the women's movement.
- To be role models for disabled girls.
- To provide information on disabled women and our concerns.
- To work in coalition with others who share our concern for social justice.
- To be a feminist voice of disabled women.

Who are women with disabilities?

Disabled women represent 16 per cent of all women across Canada (Health & Activity Limitation Survey, 1991). We

represent women in all age groups and income levels. This includes women from ethno-racial minorities and aboriginal women. Women with disabilities may be lesbian, bi-sexual or heterosexual. Some of us choose to be mothers while others decide not to have children.

When we refer to disabled women, we include the following types of disability:

- non-visible such as diabetes or epilepsy
- deaf, deafened or hard-of-hearing
- visual
- mobility
- psychiatric survivors
- developmental
- learning, and
- environmental

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