



DisAbled Women's Network Ontario



DAWN works with women from across Ontario — women with disabilities together with non-disabled women.

DAWN is controlled by women with disabilities.

Who are we?

DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN) Ontario is a province-wide organization for women with all types of disabilities. We are a feminist organization which supports women with disabilities in our struggles to control our own lives. DAWN Ontario is controlled by women with disabilities.

Our members include women with disabilities and non-disabled women. We include lesbians, bisexual women, aboriginal women, Franco-Ontarian women, and women from many ethnic, racial, cultural and religious backgrounds. Women of all ages, from teens to seniors, are active members of DAWN.

We believe disabled women have the right to direct our own lives. We believe that women with disabilities

- have the right to access the services and supports available to all women
- have needs which are different from those of men with disabilities
- know best what our needs are
- have a right to freedom of choice in all aspects of our lives
- can be proud of our disabilities and have the choice to self-identify.

What we do. . .

At DAWN Ontario we

- keep current on issues facing women with disabilities
- provide role models for girls with disabilities
- develop resources for girls with disabilities
- help start and support DAWN groups across Ontario
- speak for the rights of women with disabilities to make sure we can take part in women's groups, activities, events, and services
- work with other women's and disability groups
- produce resources about health care for women with disabilities
- lobby the government on issues affecting women with disabilities. Issues such as employment, advocacy, training, education, transportation, housing, healthcare, and others.

What can you do for DAWN?

We need your help on our many committees. We have committees that are actively working on

- outreach and education,
- membership,
- personnel, and
- fundraising.

We also need volunteers to help with general office tasks.

As well, DAWN Ontario is a registered charity. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. We will send you a receipt for income tax purposes.

DAWN Ontario's charitable number is 0956433-09.



Membership form

I would like to join DAWN Ontario.

My membership category is

- individual (~~\$5~~^{\$10} a year or \$100 lifetime)
- consumer-run group (\$25 a year)
- service agency (\$50 a year)
- government (\$50 a year)

Please print

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (eve.) _____

I would like to make a donation. I have enclosed my cheque for \$_____.

Please send my information

- in print
- on tape
- on 5 1/4 floppy disk
- on 3 1/2 disk
- in large print

Tear here.

Mail in this part with your cheque or money order.



We need you!

We need your support, your ideas, and your enthusiasm! Join a growing network of women who are working together for change.

Become a member of DAWN Ontario. Send in your membership form and we will put you on our mailing list. We will keep you informed about what is happening and the ways you can get involved.

All members receive our newsletter and other information. Members can also vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Send in your membership form today!

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