

CA4 Assignment: Advocacy for People with Disabilities (PWD)

Overview:

In this assignment, you will explore the topic of advocacy for Persons with Disability (PWDs). Advocacy is the act of supporting or recommending a cause or policy, and it is an essential tool in promoting equality and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. There are multiple ways to approach advocacy: raising awareness, engaging in community action, or influencing policy change. This assignment will allow you to demonstrate your understanding of PWD's challenges and how advocacy can create positive change.

Assignment Options:

You have the choice of completing one of the following options. Choose the one that interests you most and that you can best express your ideas through. Please read the descriptions carefully before making your decision.

Submission Guidelines:

- Choose one of the options and submit your completed work by 20th April, 2359hrs.
- All work must be submitted electronically via CANVAS in either Word, PDF, or other approved formats.
- Late submissions will be subject to a grade penalty unless a valid reason is provided in advance.

Option 1: Research Paper on Disability Advocacy in Singapore

Prompt: Write a research paper (1500 to 2000 words) that explores the history and current state of disability rights advocacy in Singapore. Your paper should focus on one of the following:

- **The evolution of disability rights in Singapore**, including key laws and policies like the **Enabling Masterplan**, the **Workplace Fairness Legislation (WFL)**, and the **Persons with Disabilities Act (UN CRPD)**.
- **Disability-inclusive policies in Singapore's public services**, such as housing, transportation, and education. How have policies evolved to improve access and equality for PWD in Singapore?
- **Case study of a successful advocacy campaign** for PWD in Singapore, such as the campaign for **accessible public transport**, or the work done by **SG Enable** and other local organizations.
- **The role of social media and public awareness campaigns** in promoting disability rights in Singapore. Consider campaigns like **#AccessAbility** or initiatives by advocacy groups such as the **Disabled People's Association (DPA)** or **SPD**.

Requirements:

- You must use at least three reputable sources (government publications, local newspapers, research reports, and advocacy organizations).
 - Include an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
 - Proper citation of all sources (APA format).
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Option 2: Advocacy Campaign Proposal for Disability Inclusion in Singapore

Prompt: Develop a proposal for an advocacy campaign to raise awareness about an issue affecting PWDs or caregivers in Singapore. Choose from the following issues:

- **Improving public transportation accessibility** for PWDs (e.g., wheelchair accessibility, inclusive design for buses and MRT stations).
- **Workplace inclusion and employment rights for PWD:** Advocate for promoting policies like **the Enabling Employment Credit**, which supports companies that hire PWD.
- **Education for all:** Campaign for more inclusive education policies and practices to help students with disabilities thrive in mainstream schools.
- **Digital inclusion:** Advocate for accessible digital platforms, services, and websites for PWD in Singapore, including e-learning and e-commerce.
- **Accessible housing and public spaces:** Promote the universal design of housing and public spaces to ensure PWD can live independently and fully participate in community life.
- **Caregiving support:** Provide information on the various support options available for caregivers and find resources to manage their challenges better.

Your proposal should include:

- **Target Audience:** Who are you trying to reach with your campaign? (e.g., government officials, private companies, the general public).
- **Objectives:** What are the goals of your campaign? (e.g., raising awareness, influencing policy, improving accessibility).
- **Strategies:** What methods will you use to achieve your goals? (e.g., partnerships with SG Enable, media campaigns, and community outreach).
- **Evaluation:** How will you measure the success of your campaign?

Requirements:

- Your proposal should be 1200 to 1500 words (excluding diagrams, etc).
- Include at least one visual (e.g., poster mock-up, social media post, flyer).
- Use local references or statistics from Singaporean sources (e.g., Singapore government reports and local NGOs).
- Citations (APA format) for any external data or references.

Option 3: Personal Advocacy Video on Disability in Singapore

Prompt: Create a 5-7 minute video where you discuss an issue related to disability advocacy in Singapore. You could consider the following topics:

- **Personal reflection on how disability is represented in Singapore** (e.g., how disability issues are portrayed in the media, how inclusive the local community is, or what changes you'd like to see).
- **An interview with a local advocate or individual** working on disability issues in Singapore (e.g., a person from **Disabled People's Association (DPA)** or someone with lived experience).
- **A review of Singapore's policies on disability inclusion**, such as the **UN CRPD***, and how these policies help or hinder PWDs.
- **An analysis of an advocacy effort in Singapore**, like the **Enabling Employment Credit** or the **Disability-Inclusive Sport** initiatives. How do these programs impact PWDs and their rights?
- **A call-to-action for young people** to get involved in advocacy for disability rights in Singapore, emphasizing initiatives like **SG Enable**, **Enable Asia**, or **Social Service Offices**.

Requirements:

- Ensure that the quality (audio, video) is clear and accessible (consider adding subtitles if necessary).
- Include a brief outline or script (1-2 pages) of what you will discuss in the video.
- Ensure your content is respectful and advocates inclusivity, using local examples and issues related to PWD in Singapore.

* *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)*

Option 4: Visual Art Project on Disability Inclusion in Singapore

Prompt: Create a piece of visual art (painting, storyboard, or illustrated comic strip) that promotes awareness and advocacy for PWD in Singapore. Your art should reflect one of the following themes:

- **The need for accessible spaces** in Singapore, such as accessible transport, housing, or public facilities.
- **The importance of inclusive education and employment** for PWD.
- **The role of public awareness** in promoting equality for PWD in Singapore, particularly regarding the representation of disability in the media or public life.
- **Challenges faced by PWD in Singapore** and how the government or community is addressing these.

Your project must effectively communicate a clear message, and you should include a brief artist's statement (1-2 pages) explaining your creative choices and how your art advocates for PWD.

Requirements:

- The artwork should be original.
 - Include an artist's statement explaining your intentions, the message you are conveying, and how it connects to advocacy for PWD in Singapore.
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Option 5: Policy/Resource/Legislation Analysis on Disability in Singapore

Prompt: Write an analysis (1500 to 2000 words) on a specific policy or legislation or resource affecting PWDs or caregivers in Singapore. Choose one of the following:

- **The Enabling Masterplan:** A comprehensive strategy by the Singapore government that seeks to improve the lives of PWDs and caregivers. How does it address accessibility, education, well-being and employment?
- **The Persons with Disabilities Act (UN CRPD):** Analyze how this act would impact PWD in terms of rights, protections, and inclusion.
- **Workplace Fairness Legislation (WFL):** How would such a law change the advocacy landscape in Singapore? What are the strengths and limitations of its proposed framework?
- **Inclusive Employment Initiatives:** Analyze the effectiveness of programs like the **Enabling Employment Credit** or **WorkPro** that aim to promote the employment of PWDs.
- **Caregiving Support:** Evaluate the resource such as the **Caregiver Learning Roadmap (Enabling Guide)** or the **Caregiver Action Map (SG Enable)**. What are the strengths and limitations of such resource?

In your analysis, discuss:

- The **purpose** of the policy/legislation/resource.
- How does it **affect PWD** or **caregiver** and their ability to participate fully in Singaporean society?
- **Strengths and weaknesses** of the policy or legislation or resource.
- Your recommendations for **improvements** or **future advocacy** efforts.

Requirements:

- At least two credible local sources to support your analysis.
 - Clear thesis and well-organized body paragraphs.
 - Proper citation of all sources (APA format).
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Option 6: Interview and Reflection on Disability Advocacy in Singapore

Prompt: Interview a local advocate or organization representative working on disability inclusion in Singapore. This could be someone from **SG Enable**, SPD, **Disabled People's Association (DPA)**, a social entrepreneur (e.g., Wei Jie from Foreword Coffee), or a person with lived experience of disability who actively advocates for disability rights in Singapore.

After the interview, write a reflection (1200 to 1500 words) covering the following:

- What did you learn about disability advocacy in Singapore?
- Key challenges and opportunities the interviewee identified in their work.
- How do their experiences and insights contribute to your understanding of the disability rights movement in Singapore?
- What are your thoughts on how young people can get involved in disability advocacy in Singapore?

Requirements:

- Record the interview (audio or video) if possible (with consent). The video should not be longer than 20minutes.
 - Provide a transcript or summary of the interview (up to 5pages).
 - Your reflection should provide a detailed analysis and reflection on the interview, linking it to broader disability issues in Singapore.
 - Citations or references (APA format) for any external resources or data discussed in the interview.
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