The purpose of the Community Involvement assignments is to connect the work you are doing in class with the work of the broader disability community, both in DC and nationally. Each month, you will be expected to complete three parts to the Community Involvement: 1. Use Your Resources; 2. Explore the Community; 3. Prepare for What’s Ahead. You will be given several options within the Community Involvement so that you can select activities that are of interest to you. You will then answer a few questions about what you did this month and you turn these in at the next session.

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**There are 3 sections in this assignment. Pick one activity from each of the three sections.**

**Section 1: Use Your Resources**

Review your resource packet and select one of the resources of interest to you. Answer the Section 1 questions about the resource on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

**Section 2: Explore the Community**

There are many events in the community that are relevant to disability advocacy. Pick one (or more!) events to attend from the event section of the packet and answer the Section 2 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet. Some of the events are detailed below. There are more in your packet. **Complete Letter A and then choose an additional option below.**

1. **Sign up for newsletters.** See the full list of options in the events section of your packet.
2. **Budget Engagement Forum with Mayor Bowser & the Executive Office of the Mayor** on Monday, February 23 at Dunbar High School from 7-8:30pm. Share your thoughts on the budget and provide input to help shape priorities in the new administration.
3. **Performance Oversight Hearings:** Attend or testify at a Performance Oversight Hearing (full list in packet). Let Dana and the contact person for each hearing know in advance if you plan to testify.
4. **Advocates for Justice and Education Event:** Attend an event at Advocates for Justice and Education (full list in the packet)
5. **Disability Day of Mourning on Sunday, March 1 from 4-6pm outside the US Capitol** (more details in packet)
6. **DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education discussions:** (more details in packet)
7. **Metro Advisory Council:** Metro is currently soliciting applications from customers interested in filling vacancies on the Riders' Advisory Council (more details in packet)
8. **Contact the City Council member from your ward:** Introduce yourself and say you are part of the 2015 DC Advocacy Partners class and are interested in their work his/her work on the City Council. Say you would like to meet with him/her sometime and are interested in helping in any way that would be useful to the work of the Council.

**Section 3: Prepare for What’s Ahead**

Next month’s topic is on *Influencing Federal and Local Policy*. Complete Letter A and then choose an additional option below to learn more about in preparation for next month. Answer the Section 3 questions about it on the Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet.

* 1. Are you registered to vote? Do you know when and where you can vote next? If not visit <https://www.dcboee.org> to get registered and learn more.
  2. Visit <http://congress.org/advocacy-101/the-legislative-process>, a non-partisan website, to learn about the Federal Legislative Process. How do committees play a role in the legislative process? What happens if the House and Senate pass different versions of a bill?
  3. Visit the DC Council’s website to learn about the local DC Legislative Process at <http://dccouncil.us/pages/how-a-bill-becomes-a-law>. How many readings does the bill go through? After the bill becomes a law, what has to happen before a law is enacted in DC?
  4. Go to <http://dccouncil.us/committees> and learn about the eight committees of the DC Council. What role do committees play in the passage of laws and overseeing local agencies? Do all the committees play a role in disability issues?
  5. Sign up to work at the polls on Election Day. You can get free training and get paid as well as learn the details of the voting process in DC. Visit this website to find out how <https://www.dcboee.org/election_info/election_day_worker/general.asp> What will you do as an election worker?

**Community Involvement Hand-in Sheet**

**You will hand in this form at the March Session**

**NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please write up the answers to the questions you have selected. This must be handed in at the February DC AP session. If you have any questions or need any assistance, call or email Dana (202.822.8405x132) [finkd@iel.org](mailto:finkd@iel.org), Frances (202.822.8405x121) [vhayf@iel.org](mailto:vhayf@iel.org), Sherri (703.532.4843) [coles.sherri@gmail.com](mailto:coles.sherri@gmail.com), or Suzanne (703.241.0386) [suzanneripley@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneripley@gmail.com).

**Section 1.** Choose one of the items and answer these questions:

1. Which resource did you select? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did the information in this resource add to what you learned in class? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How will you use this information in your advocacy work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2**

* + 1. Which newsletter did you sign up for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2. Which event did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3. What did you learn at this event?

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* + 1. Did you testify, ask questions, or talk to anyone at the event? If yes, what

did you talk about? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* + 1. Would you be interested in going to another event similar to this one?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3**

1. Are you registered to vote? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ When and where is your next voting opportunity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which additional option did you select? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Answer the question asked in the option you selected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_