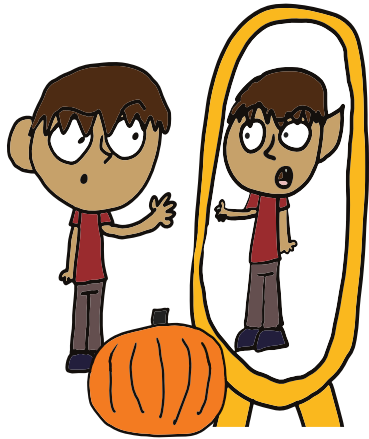


TIVERTON



Have you ever noticed that many of the "monsters" in scary movies seem to have a disability, while the majority of villains are disfigured? Let's face it, you could probably count the total number of pretty goblins, witches, zombies & trolls you've seen on one hand.

Truth be told, that is not just a coincidence!

Disability History, Culture, folklore, & just plain superstition have helped shape our ideas about Halloween, and why we think some people are "ugly" or "scary looking".

As Self-Advocates, it's important for us to learn more about this so we can speak up and change those negative stereotypes. Many of us may look different, but that doesn't mean we look ugly!

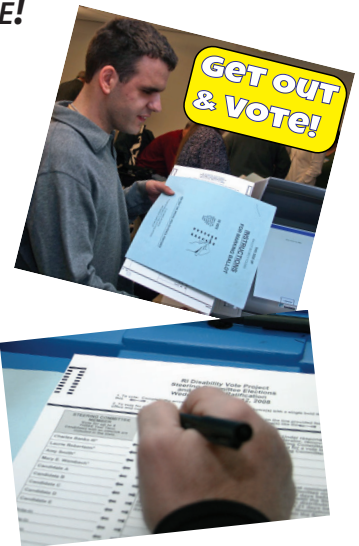
I hope you'll join me in this session so we can talk more about this.

BRISTOL B

FEAR LESS: GET OUT AND VOTE MORE!

*KATE BOWDEN, DAWN BURKE, JEFF CHRISTIE
& FRIENDS FROM DISABILITY RIGHTS RI*

Voting is an important way to make your voice heard. Learn about your voting rights, how to sign up to vote and the kinds of elections that will happen in the next year.



BRISTOL A

CREATING SAFE ACCESS IN WARWICK

Mark Susa



This is a true, real-world story about advocacy! Mark Susa noticed that many of the streets around him home in Warwick were a safety hazard for people who use a wheelchair like him. That meant that people who use things like baby carriages, bike & scooters couldn't use those streets, either.

He and his time got together and formed Access. Their mission is to mark any place that isn't accessible, and spread the word to others.

Mark has some other equally exciting news about Access Markers to share. We hope you'll attend his session at 3pm in Bristol A to find out!