

# **NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR SELF-ADVOCACY**

**Developing Disability Advocates – Supporting Emerging Leaders**



## **ABOUT THE INITIATIVE**

The New York Institute for Self-Advocacy (NYISA) is YPI's initiative designed to train people with developmental disabilities to advocate for themselves and their peers in community, systematic, and policy settings. Anyone over 21 is welcome. Partnering with the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) and funded by the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), NYISA will teach participants important skills such as public speaking, elected representative relations, social media literacy, budgeting, and more. Graduates of the institute will become part of the Emerging Leaders Network who will spread self-determination and self-advocacy across the state.

## **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

### **Project Advisory Group**

NYISA will have a group dedicated to advising and steering the direction and curriculum of the institute. They will select the annual topic areas, assist with the supporting member training efforts, and help identify advocacy topics and resources for the Emerging Leaders Network. This statewide group will meet every few months through GoTo Meeting, allowing members to join via phone, computer, or an app. People with developmental disabilities ages 21 and up are invited to join.

### **Sustainability Task Force**

In coordination with YPI's AMPLIFY-NY initiative, this task force will be dedicated to keeping NYISA and AMPLIFY-NY operating and thriving well into the future. Such activities including securing funding, receiving public support, etc. This group will be made of representatives across the state from YPI, ASAN, the DDPC, and other invested parties and individuals.

### **Attend the Institute**

NYISA will hold the self-advocacy institute every year for people with developmental disabilities ages 21 and up. This event and follow-up activities are FREE to attend. Visit [www.YOUTHPOWERNY.org](http://www.YOUTHPOWERNY.org) for more information and announcements.

For more information or to get involved, contact Zack Kilmer, NYISA coordinator, at [ZKilmer@YOUTHPOWERNY.org](mailto:ZKilmer@YOUTHPOWERNY.org) or 518-708-3808.

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