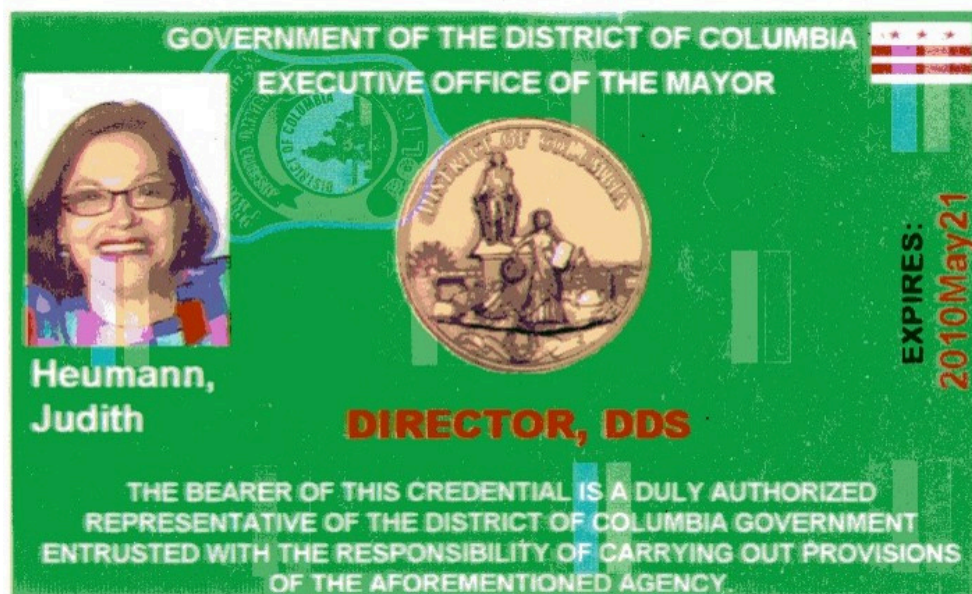


Primary Source: Judith Heumann's ID Badge



Themes: activism, disability rights, civic engagement

- Questions:**
1. What value is there to working for justice “from the outside” as a protestor? What value is there to working “from the inside” as a government official?
 2. What is the significance of disabled people making policy regarding themselves?
 3. What challenges or discrimination do disabled folks still face?
 4. How can individuals get involved in civil rights advocacy?

Item Information

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Background:

An native New Yorker and wheelchair user since childhood, Judith Heumann (1947-2023) brought attention to the needs of disabled folks in DC and across the country. She was a leader during the historic 504 Sit-In (1977), where advocates occupied a federal building in San Francisco for 26 days to ensure legal protections for disabled people. She helped to develop other legislation like the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (1990) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990). These are the legal basis for 504 plans and Individualized Education Plans in classrooms today. Heumann worked with a number of organizations, institutions and administrations on disability policy and inclusion throughout her career, including serving Washington DC as the first Director for the Department on Disability Services.

Also Check Out...

- Heumann's autobiography, “Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist”
- “Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution,” a 2020 Netflix documentary that features Heumann

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