

Eight Steps to Starting a PlayFair Team: Disability • Social Justice • Inclusion

1. Develop a context for your PlayFair Team

In every school and community, people with disabilities and others who are marginalized in society are excluded and are treated unfairly. Find these students and individuals and use their experiences to provide a focus and context for your team.

2. Review the PlayFair Teams Resource Materials

There is no need to reinvent the wheel. The PlayFair Resource Kit is packed with ideas to get you started and videos that will help you share your vision to students, teachers, parents and administrators. And don't forget to check our website for additional tips and late breaking news. (<http://www.inclusion.com>)

3. Select Staff Members to be Team Advisors

As a school based extracurricular activity, you'll need teachers involved and if you are a teacher, you'll need help. Two or more teachers are required to run a team properly and the more help, the better and easier it will be.

4. Involve a Community Person with a Disability

Recruit a person with a disability from the community to act as the Community Mentor for Disability. The Mentor will have a world of experience to share with your students and will help them stay focused on the issues of Disability, Social Justice and Inclusion. Whether they have the ability to speak or not, their presence will provide direction and context to the entire team.

5. Recruit Team Members

PlayFair is not a disability group and must involve all students. Make the PlayFair Team opportunity open to all students, those with and without disabilities. All students want to be included and many are interested in creating a more just society for all.

6. Develop your PlayFair Presentations

This is the heart of the activity. By discussing the issues and sharing stories of exclusion and injustice, you'll help fuel a passion in your students. Use this passion to help your students create presentations and exhibits that deal with the issues they care about using a variety of media.

7. Share Your PlayFair Presentations

You've done the work, now reap the rewards. Share your PlayFair Presentations with your school. But don't stop there. Take your PlayFair Team on the road for presentation to other schools and community groups in your area.

8. Support Your PlayFair Team

Just like the Volleyball Team or Dram Club, support your PlayFair Team so that it becomes an extracurricular activity. If the teams and clubs in the school receive support for shirts, travel, announcements and a presence in the yearbook, treat your PlayFair Team with the same enthusiasm. With a little support, your PlayFair Team will be winners year after year and will make a positive impact on your school.