

# Access Inquiry Group

# Our team

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# Our inquiry

- In what ways has the ISE community worked in the past to include people with disabilities in informal science learning? and
- What does prior work tell us about actions that should be taken in the future?

# Defining disability

“...disability is a dimension of human differences (and not a defect), [and] derives its meaning from society’s response to individuals who deviate from cultural standards...”

-Dr. Carol Gill



# Defining Inclusion

- Physical
- Cognitive
- Social

(Blamires, 1999)

# ISE Areas

- Museum exhibits and public programs  
(Christine)
- Community/ out-of-school time programs  
(Ellen)
- Media  
(Mary Ann)
- Learning Technologies  
(Jeremy)

# Our process

- Gather information about existing work by...
  - Attending large-group ISE meetings
  - Working with knowledgeable review panels
  - Surveying the field
- Generate recommendations and guidance by...
  - Synthesizing the findings
  - Drafting a white paper
  - Presenting findings to the field

# Inform us of your work!

- Take our survey
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