# UnConference Participant Application 2022

## Call for Participants

We are calling for participants for the [**Disability Studies and Action Collaborative’s UnConference**](https://wp.wwu.edu/disabilitycollaborative/events/unconference/), which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 22nd and 23rd, 2022. This event is hosted by the new [WWU Institute for Critical Disability Studies](https://wp.wwu.edu/disabilitycollaborative/icds/).

All are welcome to apply, though space is limited. We are particularly interested in making this a space where artists, students, scholars, entrepreneurs, and workers can gather to address problems and develop innovative ideas relevant to our local and global communities. We wish to represent the intersectionality of disability experiences and to promote conversations focused on justice and universal access. We welcome especially participants who have disabilities.

Applications are due **Friday, August 12th, 2022**. You can email your application to the UnConference organizers using this Word document application, *or* you can complete and submit the [Disability Studies and Action Collaborative’s Unconference online application form](https://forms.gle/Jxm2YD41BkSihFEZ9).

### About the UnConference

The UnConference is a two-day event with two distinct parts.

* **Saturday, October 22nd** will focus on interdisciplinary working groups, which will be comprised of students, scholars, academic faculty and staff, and community members who will work together to discuss a shared concern and work collaboratively on an original project. These working groups will be facilitated by an UnConference moderator with the aim of producing some kind of actionable project or idea at the end of the day.
* **Sunday, October 23rd** will focus on presentations, round-tables, panels, and topic-based discussions. Participants will be grouped into panels featuring talks ranging from 5 to 20 minutes.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact the organizers at [icds.unconference@wwu2.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:icds.unconference@wwu2.onmicrosoft.com)

## Applicant Information

### Your Name

Please include your first and last name (Pronouns, optional)

Click or tap here to enter name.

### Email address

Please provide us an email address so that we can send you a confirmation and next-steps as we prepare for the UnConference.

Click or tap here to enter email.

### Brief introduction of yourself

Provide 1-2 sentences to describe your professional position or other relevant connection to disability advocacy or activism. You might also offer some biographic information to introduce yourself to the other participants.

*Note: Your response to this prompt* ***will be shared*** *with other UnConference participants before the event.*

Click or tap here to enter self-intro.

### Reason to participate

Write a few sentences about what motivates you to participate in this event. In particular, what personal experience and/or expertise do you bring to the topics of disability, identity, and justice?

*Note: This response* ***will not be shared*** *with other UnConference participants. It will be used to help us group people for working sessions.*

Click or tap here to tell us about your reasons for participation.

## Presenting at the UnConference

Everyone who participates in the UnConference will be asked to present in some format, either by giving a talk, by speaking on a roundtable or panel, or by sharing a pre-recorded presentation. These presentations can be long or short, formal, or informal.

We will offer coaching to anyone who would like support in developing or giving their presentation.

### Topics of Interest

List 2 - 5 topics you may want to discuss in a presentation or roundtable discussion setting. You might have a particular title in mind, or you might just have some keywords of topics you would like to discuss (for example "public transit" or "arts and activism"):

Click or tap here to enter topic titles or keywords.

## Modality and Access

### Access and Universal Design Principles at the UnConference

We are designing this event to be as accessible to as many people as possible. Consider all of the parts of the event and let us know which parts, if any, may need some special consideration for you. The UnConference will include the following:

* Several 60-minute workshop sessions where you discuss and work in small groups
* Several 60-minute presentation sessions where you will be audience members for others' presentations
* One presentation session where you will be presenting your own work either in real time or via a recorded presentation alongside other presenters
* Several meals provided by the UnConference

All workshops and presentations are available for in-person participation or remote participation via Zoom. There will also be space provided for ADA-accessible bathrooms, gender neutral bathrooms, a lactation room, and a low-sensory room. ASL interpretation and/or live transcription will be available on request.

### Modality for Day 1 (Saturday, October 22)

***For UnConference Workshops and Discussions:***

What is your preferred modality for attending Day 1 of the UnConference, which will primarily consist of discussions and collaboration in small working groups?

* In-person
* Remote *via* Zoom
* Unsure

### Modality for Day 2 (Sunday, October 23)

***For UnConference Presentations, Panels, Round-tables:***

What is your preferred modality for attending Day 2 of the UnConference, which will primarily consist of attending others' presentations, as well as presenting in a session alongside other presenters. All presentations will be available both in person and live via Zoom.

* In-person
* Remote *via* Zoom
* Attend some presentations in person and others *via* Zoom
* Unsure

### Tentative parking and transportation needs

We would like to get an approximate head count for how many people will need parking for the event. Please answer to the best of your ability, and we will follow up with you:

* I will need a van-accessible parking space
* I will need an accessible parking space
* I will need parking but do not need an accessible parking space
* I do not need a parking space - planning to walk, take bus, cab, or rideshare
* I already have a campus parking permit

### Your access needs

Are there any ways that this event could be made to be **more accessible** for you? We will follow up with you later to ensure you are able to participate fully in the event.

Click or tap here to let us know about any ways we can make this event more accessible for you.

## Next steps

Applications are due Friday, August 12th. Please fill in this application document and email to [icds.unconference@wwu2.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:icds.unconference@wwu2.onmicrosoft.com) *or* [complete the web form application online](https://forms.gle/Jxm2YD41BkSihFEZ9).

After August 12, we will review all applications and begin organizing the working groups and panels. We expect to send out acceptance messages and follow-up application materials by August 19th.