

SOFIA TALKS ABOUT

DISABILITY INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

PART 1

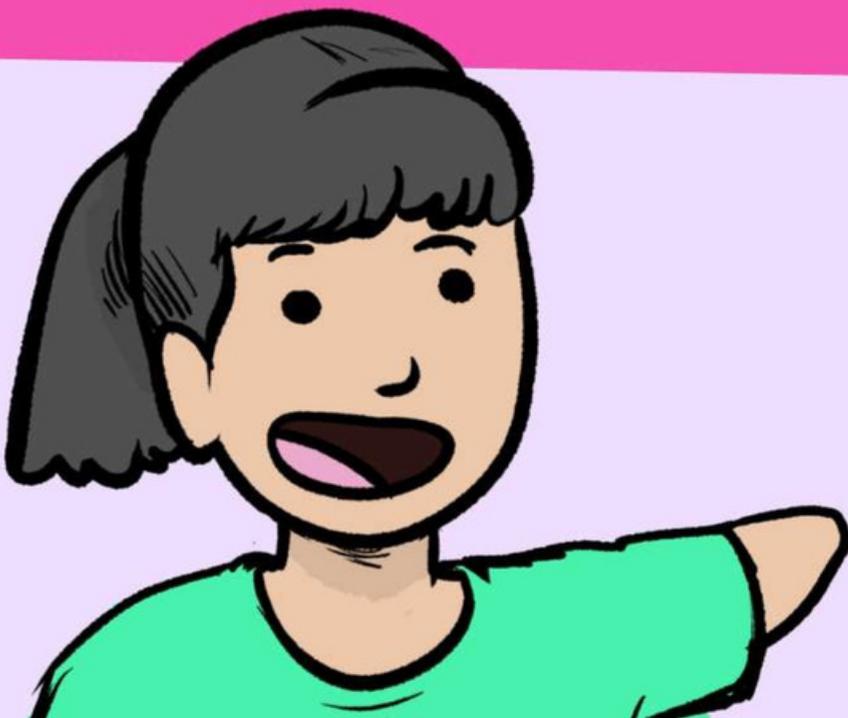


WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT
WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DISABILITY-
INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE?

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, WE COVER A SERIES OF VERY BROAD CONCEPTS. WE CAN START BY POINTING OUT THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE PART OF THE ECOSYSTEMS THEY INHABIT, **ALL OUR ACTIONS HAVE REPERCUSSIONS**



**ANY ACTION TAKEN IN THE PRESENT THAT
ADDRESSES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE
FUTURE, SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLES OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTRA
AND INTERGENERATIONAL EQUITY.**

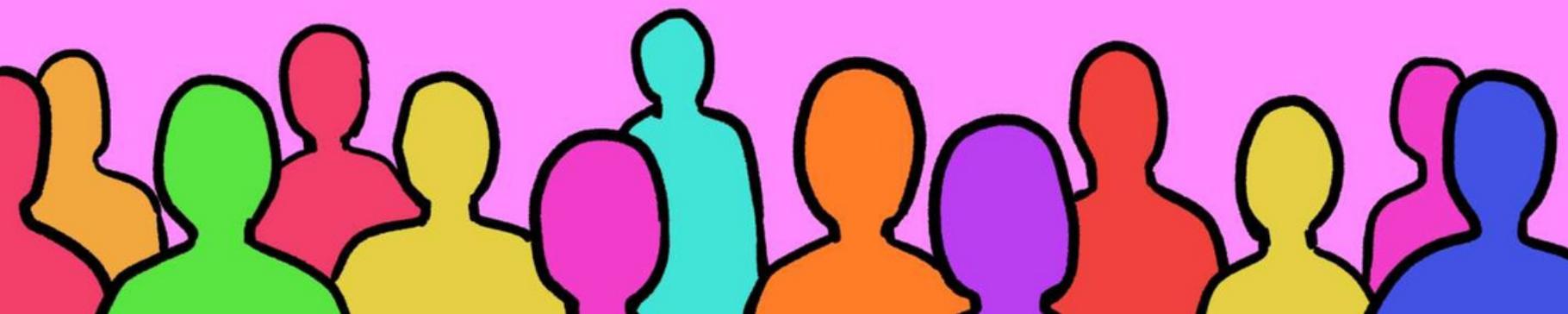


THE CONCEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DRAWS ON SEVERAL SOURCES, AMONG WHICH WE CAN MENTION, FIRST OF ALL, THE THEORIES OF JUSTICE ^[1] WHETHER OF FEMINIST, LIBERAL, UTILITARIAN, LIBERAL, MARXIST, NATURAL LAW, ANTI-COLONIALIST ORIGIN, AMONG OTHERS, LINKING THEM WITH THE FIELDS OF BOTH THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY AND THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.



ADDED TO THIS IS A **COMMUNITY APPROACH**, SINCE
THEY ARE THE MOST AFFECTED.

THESE BEING THE ASPECTS THAT NOURISH THE
CONCEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, WE CAN
ALSO AFFIRM THAT **ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS CAN BE
COLLECTIVE RIGHTS.**



NOW IT IS NECESSARY TO DEFINE **DISABILITY.**

ACCORDING TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES^[2], DISABILITY IS AN EVOLVING CONCEPT THAT RESULTS FROM THE INTERACTION BETWEEN PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND BARRIERS DUE TO ATTITUDE AND ENVIRONMENT THAT PREVENT THEIR FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY, ON EQUAL TERMS WITH OTHERS.

**INCLUSIVE DISABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
IS ONE THAT, FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF LAW,
PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT, THEREFORE,
PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES, WITH AN **INCLUSIVE
APPROACH** THAT WELCOMES BOTH THE NEEDS
AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES.**



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS AGENTS OF CHANGE FOR DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

**PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, NOT JUST
BE LEFT IN THE ROLE OF A GROUP DISPROPORTIONATELY
AFFECTED BY DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT. IN ORDER
TO HAVE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS, THE ACCESSIBILITY OF
THE ENVIRONMENT AND DOCUMENTS MUST BE
GUARANTEED WITH ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES FOR
COMMUNICATION.**

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FIVE ACTIONS FOR DISABILITY-
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JUSTICE



EDUCATE YOURSELF

IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, ON INCLUSION AND DISABILITY, ATTEND SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES. **ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE CREATES NEW AND BETTER CAPACITIES, OPENS DOORS TO ADVANCE DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.**





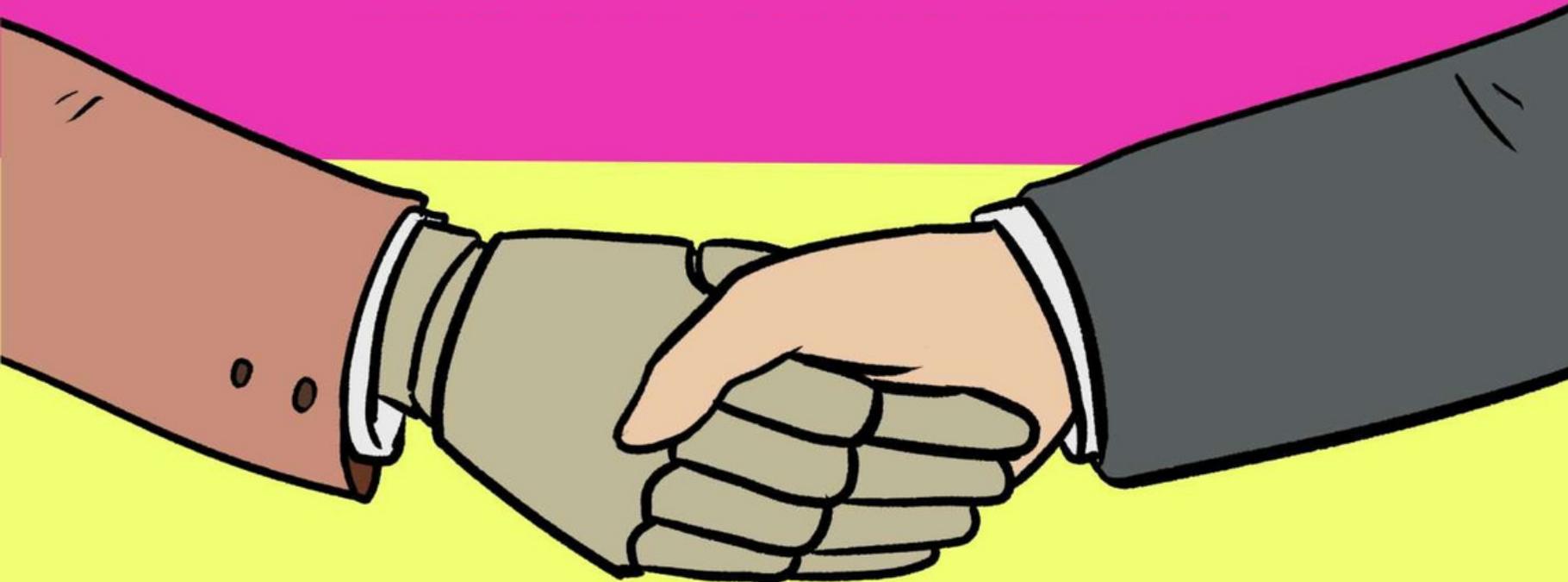
CREATE AWARENESS

COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS VITAL, AS THIS WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MOBILIZING AND ENGAGING. AWARENESS SHOULD BE RAISED AROUND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS SO THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES SUCH AS DEAF OR BLIND PEOPLE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES.



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CONSTANTLY MEET WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO IMPROVE THEIR POLICIES AND PRACTICES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF DISABILITY-INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.



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CARRY OUT JUDICIAL ACTIVISM

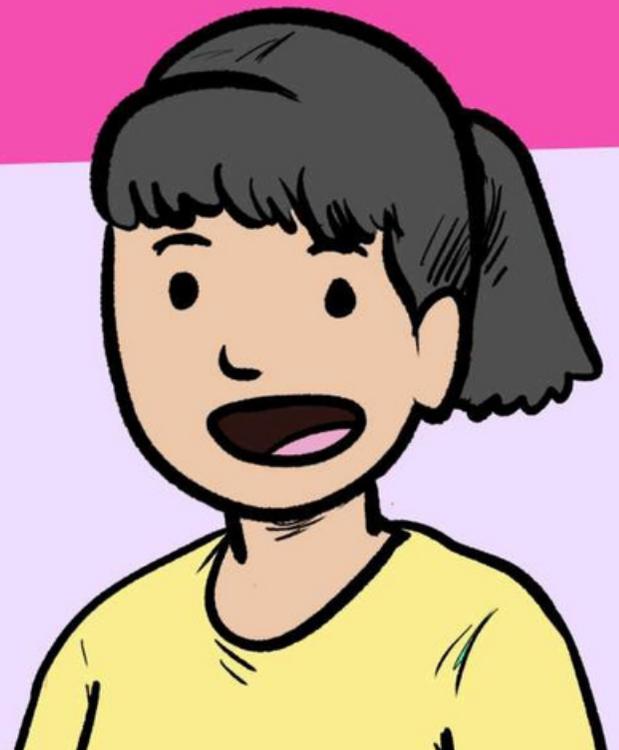
IT RESORTS TO THE COURTS AND WITH
LAWYERS IT CARRIES OUT **JUDICIAL ACTIONS**,
THUS THERE WILL BE A FIGHT FOR RIGHTS.





CARRY OUT LEGISLATIVE ACTIVISM

IT IS NECESSARY TO **IMPROVE THE LAWS** SO THAT THEY ARE MORE EFFICIENT IN COMPLYING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SO THAT THE LAWS ARE INCLUSIVE OF DISABILITY.





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