

BILL OF RIGHTS

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**On The Occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons
"Nothing About Us Without Us"**

**COMPOSED BY: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SMILE*
COMMUNITY AT LIVEWORKPLAY**

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*We, the participants of SMILE, want LiveWorkPlay
to support us in the enjoyment of the following rights:*

1. The right to be treated with respect

- to be spoken to properly
- to be where people don't tease or make faces at us
- to not have people talking behind our backs

2. The right to make our own decisions and choices

- where we live and who we live with
- about jobs, school, volunteering

3. The right to relationships

- to date and to get married
- to social relationships (friends)
- with our family members

4. The right to privacy

- at home (like keeping a diary)
- private time with friends
- quiet time alone
- information about us kept confidential

5. The right to grow up!

* SMILE stands for Skills and More for Independent Living and Employment, which is a program and micro-community of the LiveWorkPlay organization. SMILE is for adults with intellectual disabilities.

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