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AWARENESS GAME

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About this game

The Awareness game is an adventurous role playing game for 2 to 10 players.

The goal of the game is to go through the stages of university, from admission to graduation and entering the job market!

But... your avatar has a disability. This forces you to experience life on campus as someone with an impairment.

And watch out! Sometimes, unforeseen events happen in life. These can be opportunities, or disasters.

Luckily, resources exist to help overcome the barriers that your avatar faces!

The game consists of:

1 Game Board



10 Tokens of for moving around the board.















33 Event cards

















10 Avatar cards



25 Opportunity/disaster cards



1 dice

Objectives



The Awareness Game aims at increasing understanding and empathy of the barriers that students with disabilities face on their journeys through higher education.

Playing provides a safe, fun and interactive way to discuss the barriers students with disabilities face, and to discuss tangible and actionable solutions.

Game Setup

- Shuffle the Avatar cards and keep them together in one stack, facing down.
- Layout your game board and place one token on the start for each player
- Separate the event cards based on color and place them in numerical order. Each color represents a different stage in of your education journey.
- Shuffle the Opportunity/Disaster cards and keep them together in one stack, facing down.

Lets Play!

Getting started

- Each player should pick a card from the avatar stack. These cards should be facing down so that the avatars are picked at random.
 - Place the token that matches with your Avatar at the start of the game
- After picking an avatar card, each team member will roll the dice ONCE. The number you roll determines the nature and severity of your avatar's impairment.





GAMEPLAY

- Roll the die. The player who rolls the highest number starts, followed by the player to their left.
- When it is your turn, roll the die and move your token according to the number rolled.
- Pick an event card corresponding to the color your token lands on.
 Read the scenario/event out loud and each player will then discuss how they are affected in the scenario/event.
- Repeat for each player.

Note: If as a group, you run out of event cards to discuss in a section, continue taking turns rolling the dice and moving until you land on the next color section.

 If your token stops at the blue/purple section pick a card from the Opportunity/Disaster stack.
 Read aloud the card you picked and follow the instructions on the card. If your card instructs you to move forward or backwards, read an event card for the color you land on.



Winning the game!

- The first player to reach the end of the journey is the winner
- At the end of the journey, before you claim success, scan the QR code on the game or log onto the website and fill in the one minute survey. Congratulations!





IGame Adaptations:

Only interested in one game topic?

This game can be played in sections or fully depending on your time and needs. Simply start with your token on the section you would like to play and end the game when a player reaches one of the stop signs on the game board

Short on time but want to play through the whole game?

We have selected suggested event cards that will help you to play the game in around 1 hour (time may vary based on the number of players)



Short version event cards are marked with this icon

Feel free to customize your short version by swapping out suggested cards for long version cards to suit your needs

To play the short version, simply use the selected event cards along with all of the avatar and opportunity/disaster cards and follow the rules for regular game play.





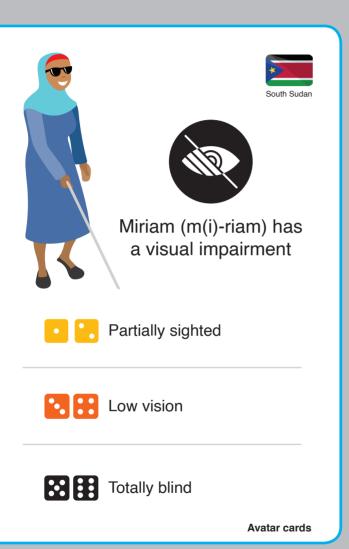






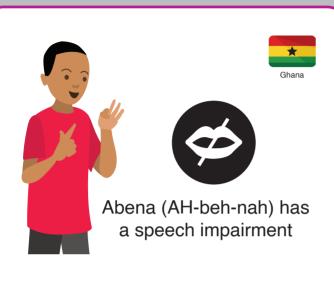


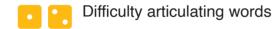


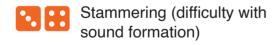


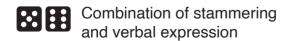
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Avatar cards

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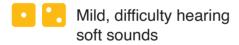


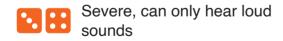


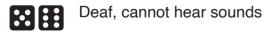




Seydou (s-ai-d-oo) has a hearing impairment



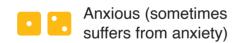


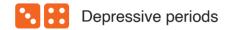


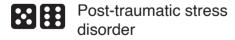
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Sandile (san-di-le) has a dyslexia





Mild dyslexia



Moderate dyslexia



Severe dyslexia



Dyslexia is a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.







Botswana

Tshepo (Che-poh)has a physical impairment and is a refugee





Condition affecting muscles, difficulty playing sports and other activities



Had a stroke, uses a crutch



Paralyzed due to nervous system condition, uses a wheelchair







Wekesa (Weh-KEH-sah) has an intellectual impairment





Mild: Some difficulty understanding and learning concepts.



Moderate: a lot of difficulty in communicating, understanding and learning concepts.



Difficulty with information processing, social skills, memory

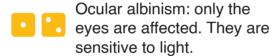








Akon (AY-kahn) is living with albinism



Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome (HPS): has decreased pigmentation, visual impairments, blood platelet dysfunction with prolonged bleeding.

Oculocutaneous albinism: has extremely pale hair, skin and eyes.

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Obi (ow. bee) has a hearing impairment and is a refugee He does not know sign language





Mild, difficulty hearing soft sounds





Severe, can only hear loud sounds





Deaf, cannot hear sounds

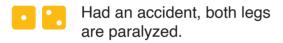
Obi lost his hearing during a bomb blast three years ago. He understands English and can read and speak it coherently but has not mastered sign language yet.







Negasi (ne-gas-si) has a physical impairment



- Had an accident, both legs and one arm are paralyzed.
- Had an accident, both legs, and both arms are paralyzed.

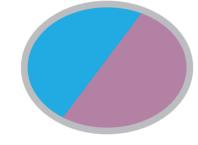
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The attendant at the Disability Resource Centre is not available. The centre is closed for 2 weeks. **Stay in place until you roll a 1**



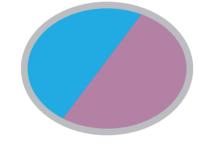


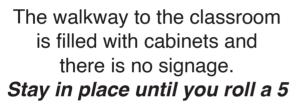


New tiles have been placed in the Disability Resource Centre. They are slippery making the accessibility to the centre difficult. Stay in place until you roll a 1

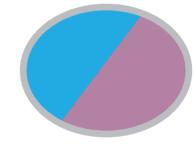






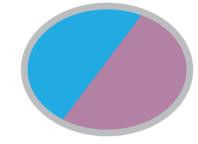






Your roommate keeps moving your property and has a dismissive attitude towards you. This becomes stressful overtime. Stay in place until you roll a 5





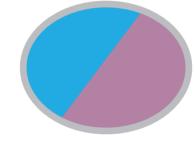
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Your grandmother dies...
She was the only one in your family that saw your capabilities, you feel lost and unsupported without her.

Stay in place until you roll a 3





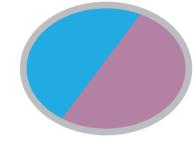


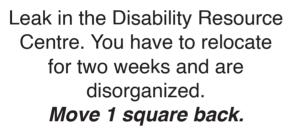
You break up with your partner because they made an insensitive comment about your impairment.

Stay in place until you roll a 2.



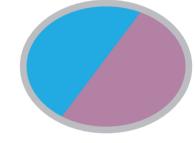








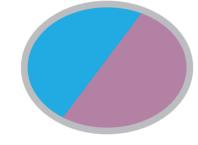


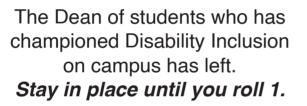


Your phone gets stolen and you are completely disorganized. *Move 2 squares back.*



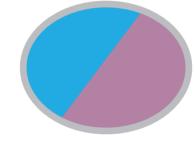


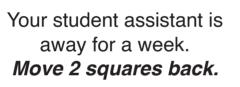






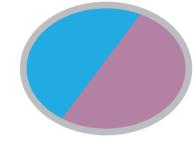












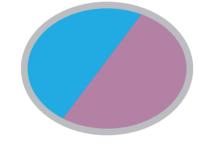
You lost an internship opportunity because they lacked *reasonable accommodation.

Move 2 squares back.

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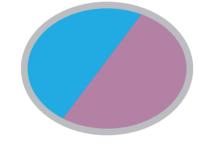


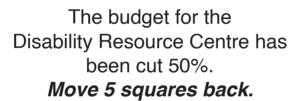
A virus strikes... courses go online, everything is changing.

Stay in place until you roll a 6.



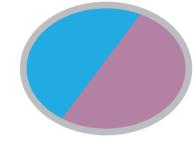










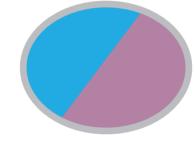


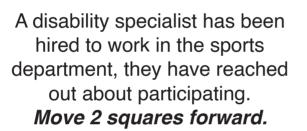
Your cousin is also accepted at university and helps you to study when he can! He helps you to make friends and strengthen your network.

Move 2 squares forward.



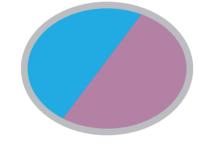


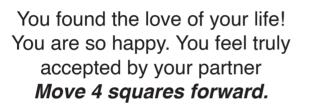






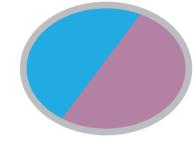


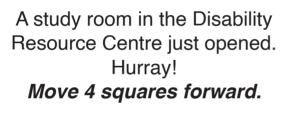






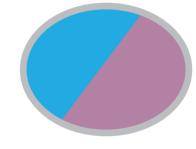










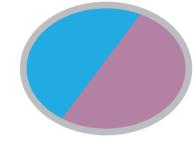


Your aunt sends you some extra money for this week. Less worries! She has always been extra supportive of you and told you that disability is not inability.

Move 2 squares forward.





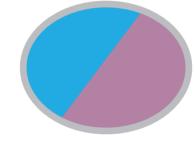


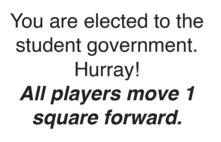
The university has invested in a range of assistive technology for the Disability Resource Centre.

Move 4 squares forward.



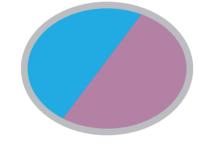










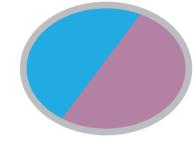


You joined the student association and make new friends at a quiz night. Fun!

You can move 2 squares forward, or share 1 move with a fellow player, and only move 1 square forward.





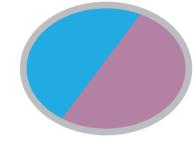


A Professor has taken an interest in your success, and is spending time with you on mastering the content.

Move 2 squares forward.



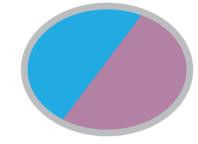




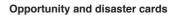
A group of student assistants have undergone training and will support you with your activities at school.

Move 2 squares forward.





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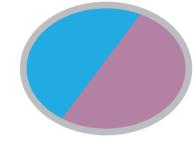


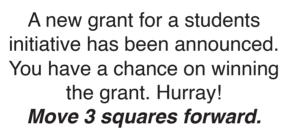
You found an internship opportunity and they have adequate *reasonable accommodation. Hurray! **Move 2 squares forward.**

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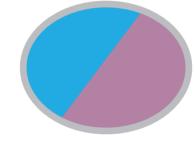












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Short Version

The university admissions staff come to a secondary school in your area. But since you go to a Special Needs school, they forget to visit you. They don't think people in special needs schools can enter university.

How does this impact you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Event cards

2

Short Version

The university admissions staff hands out standard hard copies of application forms at the office. How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Admissions

3

Short Version

Congrats you have been invited for an interview.

How do you feel about this? What challenges do you foresee and what can be done to solve them?



Event cards

The university admissions staff requests that you open a bank account to pay your tuition fees. The bank staff do not have experience with clients with disabilities and do not know sign language, nor are there fill-in forms in braille, and they are located on the second floor of a town building.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



1

Short Version

What an exciting day!

You move to your university dorm! You hope they will not isolate you from students without disabilities... Luckily, the office of the Dean of Students understands the importance of providing *reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities, and has made adjustments to the dorms so they are accessible for all students.

How does this impact you and how do you feel about this?

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2

Registration

You go to the Dean's office to register, there is a long queue, you are expected to stand for hours as you wait your turn to meet the Dean.

How does this impact you and what can be done to solve this?



3

Short Version

You go to the medical centre for your medical check up. It involves a full physical examination.

What challenges do you foresee (if any) and what can de done to solve them?



4

You go to the library to register and get a library card. The lift (elevator) is out of order and the office is on the fourth floor.

How does this impact you and what can be done to solve this?



5

Short Version

Party!

There is a party in your hall of residence but... you miss the invitation.

What could have caused you to be left out?



6

Short Version

You do not dare to ask for directions on campus, because you are intimidated by the new situation.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



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Your friends want to play basketball and swim weekly. You would love to join! However, the trainer tells you that they do not know how to accommodate your needs during trainings.

What needs might you have to be included and what can be done to solve this challenge?



You fall off a motorbike taxi and you have to go to the hospital. What challenges might you face and what can be done to solve them?



Short Version

You get caught in a student protest.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Short Version

A wheel chair basket ball team has been created. Everyone is welcome to play.

How do you feel about this? What questions do you have? What do you think you could learn from joining the team?



Your dorm is very far from your lecture halls. And your lecture halls are in different places on campus. You have to move a lot every day. Luckily, the office of the Dean of Student Welfare has budgeted for a transport system of mini buses for students with disabilities.

How do you feel about this?



Short Version

You are ready to go to your lectures. However, receiving information from your lecturers remains a big challenge... Some lecturers move around while talking, others don't fully explain their Powerpoints, others do not have a Powerpoint and talk very fast. And during working sessions, they expect you to talk a lot. On top of that, most buildings are not fully accessible and do not have ramps.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Short Version

Everything is new on campus. You experience a lot of pressure. Your family wants you to make them proud, you just had a relationship breakup, the courses are many, the administration is a lot, you have to learn how to advocate for the disability supports you need, and you had to deal with a depression last year from which you are slowly recovering.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



The pathway to the recreational gardens on campus have been widened, leveled and paved.

How do you feel about this?

What questions do you have?



Examination

1

Short Version

First exams are up! You study a lot, so much that you hardly sleep at night. During the exams, a lot of things are not kept in mind: examination is done on the Second floor of a building, you are assigned a random seat, you receive a print copy, there is an oral examination part, the lecturer rushes through the instructions and the time you are given to complete the exam is not enough...

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Examination

2

You are awarded extra time on exams as *reasonable accommodation.

How do you feel about this?

Does this meet your accommodation needs?
What questions do you have?

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Examination

3

Exams are finally done. Time for a party! All students had their grades back, but you... not yet. Because they had to adjust the exams to your needs, the lecturers need more time to mark your exams.

How do you feel about this? What can be done to solve the challenge?



Preparation

1

Short Version

An employability skills training has been organised for final year students.

What questions do you have?



Short Version

You are in your last year at university! You almost made it! You are super excited for the networking event on campus. Employers come to talk to you. However, their attitude towards students with disabilities is negative... they do not trust your capabilities.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Preparation

3

You are part of a university community that regularly arranges charity and community give-back initiatives.

How do you feel about this? What questions do you have?



An initiative started by students is planning an on-campus event. They are developing communication materials and would like to be as inclusive as possible.

What advice do you have for them?

How can they make sure all students with and without disabilities are aware of the event?



Before you graduate, you need to find an internship. The HR person calls you on your phone for an interview at a company downtown. The company is on the fourth floor, there is no elevator. You are told there will be some tests: you first will do an interview with the HR manager, then you have to write an essay in a given amount of time, and do a stress test.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?





You are preparing for graduation, you need to move to the different offices at the institution to *clear with them. Some of the offices are at the third floor of the building. How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?

*Clear to make sure you have no outstanding debts and/or university property.





You are given 2 tickets for graduation and your parents are attending but you require a personal assistant. You are not sure how to address your accessibility need.

How does this affect you and what can be done to solve this challenge?



Short Version

Congratulations! You are officially a graduate now. After all those barriers you overcame, work life awaits you. You finally secured a first job, and you can't wait to start working for your new employer, who is in favor of hiring graduates with disabilities. You even have some senior colleagues with disabilities. So for today; *celebrate!*



You have applied for a work experience placement with a prestigious company but they require a certified copy of your academic transcript sent directly to them from the university.

What challenges do you foresee during this process and what can be done to solve them?



You try to search for jobs online, but the websites are not accessible and are confusing to navigate.

How does this affect you? What can you do to solve this challenge?



Short Version

You have an interview coming up, but you aren't sure how you should prepare, or if you should tell the company about your impairment.

What challenges do you foresee and what can you do to solve this challenge?



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Short Version

You have impressed the company with your interview and your academic accomplishments, but they don't know how to accommodate your needs.

How does this affect you?

What can be done to solve this?



