Programming and Makerspace Activities for Children and Teens with Disabilities

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Takeaways

1. Create more programming and services for kids and teens with disabilities

2. Consider accessibility when planning ALL programs
Accessibility Matters

Adapting to the world

vs.

Adapting the world
Our Programs

• Teen Embroidery
• Kids’ Felt Craft
• Teen T-Shirt Upcycling/Decorating
Outreach

NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US!

https://phm.org.uk/exhibitions/nothing-about-us-without-us-2/
Planning

DO YOUR RESEARCH!
The Right Level of Difficulty

Set participants up for success!
Accessible for Everyone
Build in Choice
Evaluate the Materials
Explaining the Activity

• Verbal vs. Visual Instructions
• In-progress examples
• Detailed Instructions
During the Program

Etiquette
During the Program

Problem Solving
Debrief

Some specifics
Debrief
In general
QUESTIONS
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