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# Advocacy and Accessibility

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Accessibility is the convenience provided to people with disabilities to realize equity and equality of opportunity. Equality of opportunity is defined as a situation that provides opportunities or access for people with disabilities to guide their potential in all aspects of state and community administration. It is not only people with disabilities who need proper and reasonable accessibility, but accessibility is also a part of human life. Unfortunately, not all facilities for social activities, including work and job, public services, health and education, have good and reasonable accessibility. Therefore, many organizations for people with disabilities empower people with disabilities by creating advocacy models (policies) to solve issues related to accessibility. The articles in this edition are a manifestation of how advocacy is carried out to increase accessibility, both in the form of information and physical accessibility.

First, an article with the title "Advocacy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a New Social Movement in the City of Semarang". The Komunitas Sahabat Difabel (KSD) has carried out advocacy as a new social movement to realize accessibility for people with disabilities, at least in their region. This movement was conducted through social networks with a resource mobilization strategy. They hoped that this advocacy could create awareness for people with disabilities and eliminate negative stigma and discrimination against them. This negative stigma and discrimination often hinders the participation of people with disabilities in society, including in efforts to create an inclusive society. The results of the research "People with Disabilities are Empowered to Eliminate Stigma" show that the presence of people with disabilities makes local residents aware, increases literacy about people with disabilities and can be used as their social capital with the community.

Another interesting article is "Accessibility of Public Services for People with Paraplegia, Victims of the Earthquake Disaster in Bantul Regency, DI Yogyakarta", which highlights how people with paraplegia (becoming disabled due to the 2006 earthquake) access public services. As an inclusive province, DI Yogyakarta provides free health

services and friendly buildings for wheelchair users, including people with paraplegia. Unfortunately, some of the services available are not fully inclusive and require improvement.

The participation of people with disabilities in advocating for themselves is very necessary to guarantee their rights, create disability inclusion, increase public awareness of their presence as part of society, and provide opportunities for them to participate in development.

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