

Program Newsletter

LOBBY DAY IN ALBANY

ADAPT self-advocates participated in an ADAPT Lobby Day in Albany, where they met with legislators and policy leaders to advocate for greater accessibility, inclusion, and support for people with disabilities. Through sharing their experiences and perspectives, participants helped elevate important conversations around disability services while demonstrating leadership, confidence, and the power of self-advocacy. The experience also strengthened connections with advocates and community leaders from across the state, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in creating meaningful change. Their voices served as a powerful reminder that people with lived experience should remain at the center of conversations shaping the future of disability services.

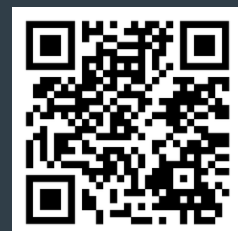


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Highlights

- Lobby Day in Albany
- ReelAbilities Film Festival
- CATS: The Jellicle Ball
- ADAPT's Got Knowledge Championship
- Advocating for Accessible Transportation
- Art Highlight: ADAPT NYC
- Upcoming Events

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REELABILITIES FILM FESTIVAL



Participants attended the ReelAbilities Film Festival, a celebration of disability culture, creativity, and storytelling through film. After viewing a series of engaging short films, the group participated in a thoughtful Q&A discussion that encouraged reflection, conversation, and community connection. The experience was both inspiring and empowering for everyone involved.

CATS: THE JELLY BALL

The ADAPT Theatre Group had an unforgettable experience attending CATS: The Jelly Ball on Broadway, with some participants enjoying the immersive performance from on-stage seating. Inspired by the Harlem Ballroom scene of the 1980s and 1990s, the vibrant revival served as the perfect lead-up to the upcoming ADAPT LGBTQ+ Radical Joy Ball at the Whitney Museum. The experience created joyful memories and celebrated creativity, self-expression, and community.



ADAPT'S GOT KNOWLEDGE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Final Championship Match of the second annual ADAPT's Got Knowledge Educational Tournament was held in a live digital Jeopardy-style format and filmed on WACN. Teams from 5030 Broadway and Flushing Avenue competed in an exciting and fast-paced match that showcased teamwork, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Congratulations to the Flushing Avenue Team for taking home the championship title!

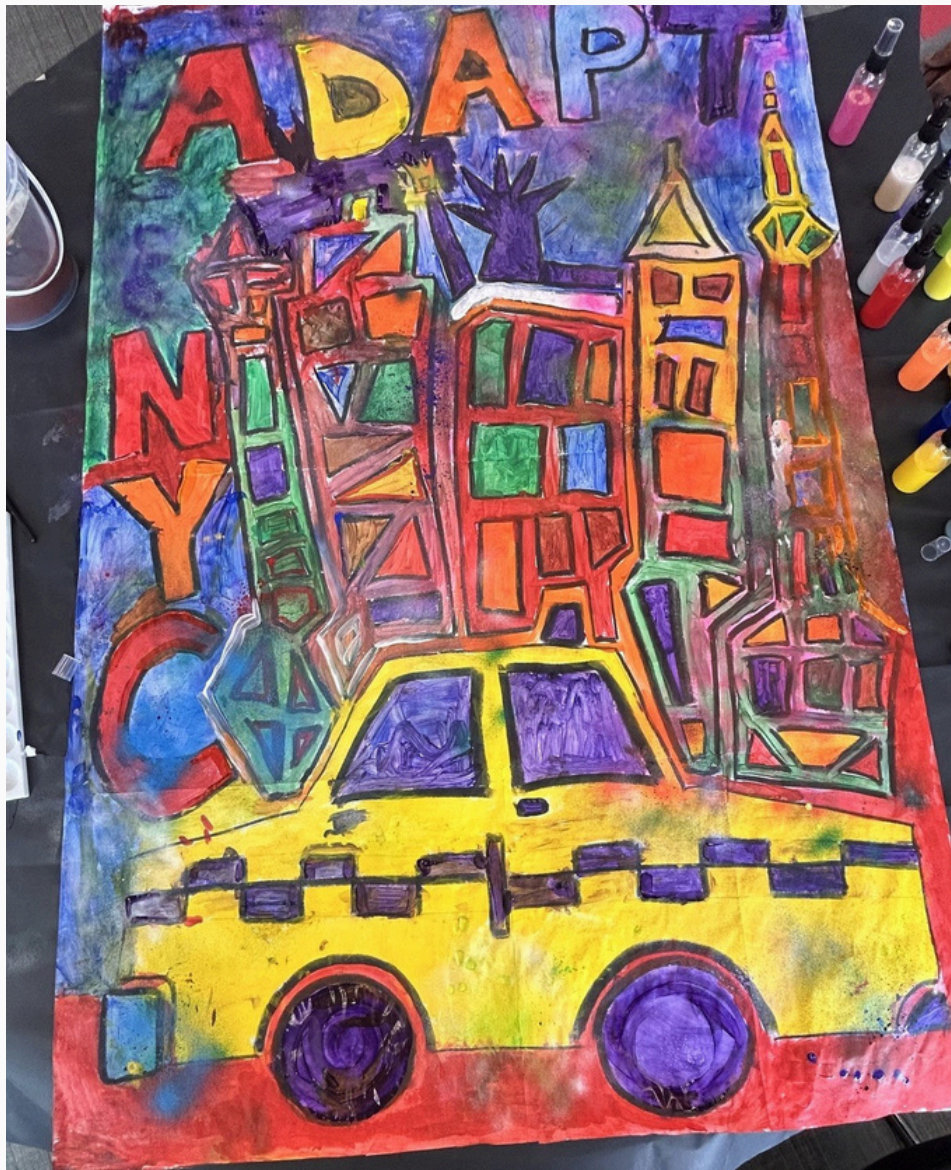
ADVOCATING FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION



ADAPT self-advocates joined disability rights advocates at a rally calling for improved subway elevator maintenance and accessibility across New York City. The demonstration highlighted the ongoing challenges riders with disabilities face due to frequent elevator outages and inadequate service notifications from the MTA. Self-advocates passionately called for greater accountability, reinforcing the importance of reliable public transportation for all New Yorkers.

ART HIGHLIGHT: ADAPT NYC

During Spirit Week at Pelham, artists collaborated on a vibrant New York City-inspired mural using tempera paint and creative spray-paint techniques. The project showcased teamwork, creativity, and determination, making the finished mural a standout highlight of the month.



**Future Dates
to Remember**

6/2: Brooklyn Museum

6/3: Jewish Museum

6/8: NYC Votes Voter
Education Workshop:
Pelham

6/9: Best Green Spaces of
NY: Lenoir Preserve

6/9: ASL Meet Up

6/11: Art in the Park:
Prospect Park

6/13: Brooklyn Pride

6/14: Shakespeare in the
Park's Romeo & Juliet

6/15: MoMA

6/18: Advisory Council at
Pelham

6/18: Juneteenth
Celebration: Stillwell

6/22: Juneteenth
Celebration: Grand
Concourse

6/25: Radical Joy Ball

6/26: New York City
Transit Museum

**LGBTQIA+
RADICAL JOY
BALL**

A Celebration of LGBTQ+
and Disability Pride!

**Theme: Tell Your Tale! Tell Our
Tales!**

Thursday, June 25, 2026

4:00 PM- 6:00PM

Whitney Museum
99 Gansevoort Street
New York, NY
10014

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