

If we speak up for ourselves through self advocacy, we can change things that people believe about us.

Here are some ideas that people have that are **WRONG** and should be changed.

- Some people think that our disabilities are the most important thing about us.
- Some people think that we are all the same and don't see that we are individuals.
- Some people label us with words like 'mentally handicapped' or 'epileptic'.
- Some people think that we don't deserve respect or dignity.
- Some people treat us like children.
- Some people don't want people with disabilities near them.
- Some people think that people with disabilities should be shut away in hospitals or institutions.
- Some people don't think people with disabilities deserve houses, money, work or education.
- Some people think people with disabilities shouldn't have rights and freedom.

What are some reasons why you might want an advisor to vote?

One reason you might want an advisor to vote is because they are a member of the group who is working for the same things as everyone else.

What are some reasons you might not want an advisor to vote?

One reason you might not want an advisor to vote is because sometimes people will copy the advisor and vote however that person does. Sometimes, it gives the advisor too much control.

It is up to your group to decide if you want the advisor to vote or not.