

Communication is a human right

A Communication Hub resource

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- Communication is a human right because everyone have the right to express themselves, no matter their ability.
- I feel so strongly that communication is a human right that so many people are denied, especially if you also have a physical appearance disability, it's even more of a need than most other things.
- Well, it's life. It's a me and is not me only, the whole earth.
- If people don't speak up, they don't get heard. And people don't get heard, they'll get all cramped, like they're stuck in a box.
- Communication is our way of sharing who we are.
- Not just information, but expressing yourself as a unique human being, I guess.
- Because I can get my ideas and thoughts out.
- It's so important to be able to have your voice and to be able to - not only express yourself - but it's important, so important to be able to share and connect with other people.
- Effective communication involves all forms of communication, irrespective of the way the words come out. I don't think people should be disadvantaged, for example, for a person who stutters, if our words take a little longer.
- Being able to communicate is a basic human right and there's the Communication Bill of Rights that, you know, outlines that everybody has a right to communicate, you know, in multiple modes.
- Well, without the ability to communicate, we lack the ability to share our thoughts and feelings and to understand the thoughts and feelings and perspectives of others. And that will obviously, you know, decrease our participation in life and our experience and quality of life.
- There is no civilization on earth that doesn't have some form of communication, and to exclude people from that right because they're different, because they have a different culture, or because their body structures are different, or because their mind is formed differently, that is against basic human rights.

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