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VSA Vermont uses the magic of the arts to engage the capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities.

Disability Awareness Training Opportunity Next Tuesday

Do you want to be more comfortable talking about disability? Do you want to learn how to welcome people with disabilities?

VSA Vermont is excited to offer a free training opportunity on March 7th at Elley-Long Music Center Orchestra Room. This workshop is open to all VSA Vermont volunteers as well as to collaborative partners and community members interested in inclusion. It will provide information about various disabilities, people first language, disability access symbols, communication strategies, accessibility and accommodations, and more.

Register online: <https://vsavttraining2.eventbrite.com>
Or by calling 802-871-5043. If you have questions, contact: VSA Vermont Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Swevens at heidi@vsavt.org or 802-238-5170



The Rhythm of Life - March 19th

If you're looking for sensory-friendly and free activities for a child on the autism spectrum - check this out! On Sunday, March 19th, together with The Flynn Center for Performing Arts, VSA Vermont will again host the sensory-friendly drumming program *Rhythm of Life*.

This drumming session is created with sensory-friendly drums and percussion instruments to invite families with children or adults on the autism spectrum to be musically creative. Rebecca Mack will instruct the group as well as let families try out rhythms and explore their own creativity.

To register, visit

http://www.flynncenter.org/education/take-a-class/classes/details.html?perf_no=14308&fe=0



The Art of Inclusion Symposium - The Agile Nonprofit

Do work with or for an arts organization and want to learn more about how the arts can be more inclusive? The Vermont Arts Council, in collaboration with VSA Vermont, the VT Statewide Independent Living Council, and the VT Center for Independent Living, is pleased to offer a second year of their professional development series

titled *The Agile Nonprofit*.

When: **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

Where: **Town Hall Theater in Middlebury, VT**

Time: **8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

To Register: (802) 828-5425 or
smutrux@vermontartscouncil.org

The focus this year will be on accessibility and inclusion. Along with the discussions, there will also be brief presentations by Vermont dancers, visual artists, or musicians with and without disabilities. This event is also supported in part by the Christopher Reeve Foundation and Innovations and Collaborations funds from the Vermont Community Foundation through VSA Vermont.



It's time to celebrate **YOU!**

Do you volunteer with VSA Vermont and have a story to tell? Do you have a positive experience that you want to share about one of our volunteers?

We would love to hear about your experiences and share them with the community throughout April for National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Please email your personal experiences and highlights to Monique Lavalley, Communications Assistant Intern: monique@vsavt.org



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