

The Disability Studies Student Council is inviting you to participate in a planning meeting for an initiative that will involve wheelchair users in the April Chicago Critical Mass!



**April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM**  
**DHSP Auditorium**  
**1640 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL**

The last Friday of every month hundreds of Chicagoans gather in Daley Plaza for Critical Mass. While most noted as being a sort of controlled chaos for avid bicyclists, Critical Mass has developed as a spontaneous community. Friends that you see once a month and share an unforgettable ride with. In theory the Mass is apolitical, but many people are driven to become part of it for their own reasons such as sharing/taking back the road, advocating that motorists be more aware/alert of riders and pedestrians, and advocating alternative modes of transportation. Critical Mass has been supportive of many causes and inclusive of people from all walks of life... as long as you have wheels you have been welcome.

I have ridden next to bike messengers, weekend warriors, parents with kids trailing behind, proud dog owners who have hitched a wagon to their bike, the Windy City Roller Derby on roller blades, unicyclists, tricyclists, and many other machinations I cannot even begin to describe. One common theme uniting this anarchy: wheels. There is one group, however, that I have never seen participate in Critical Mass... wheelchair users.

I know this may sound crazy, but just picture it for a moment. Imagine how amazing it would be to set out en masse together! So please join our planning meeting on April 8th, at 5:30pm to help put this initiative into action.

<http://chicagocriticalmass.org/about>

Sincerely,

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*Student Life Chair, DSSC*

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*Vice President, DSSC*

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**DSSC Critical Mass Planning Meeting Agenda:**

- Brainstorm a title for the event, vision statement, and mission statement
- Maps & Route – safety & accessibility
- Brainstorm ways to ensure everyone's safety
- Appoint Outreach Coordinator - to recruit wheelchair users
  - How many do we need to be effective?
- Appoint Media & PR Coordinator