

"The struggle against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting."

– Milan Kundera

"We are just beginning to uncover a hidden history."

– Paul K. Longmore



In Germany, recognition that the Holocaust claimed the lives of thousands of people with disabilities.

In Minnesota, people who lived and died in institutions, buried with only a number, are honored and remembered with proper headstones.

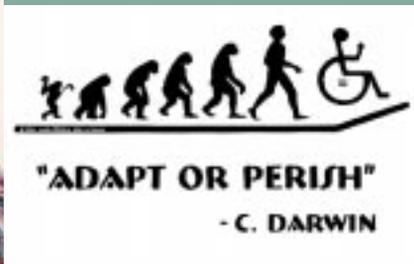
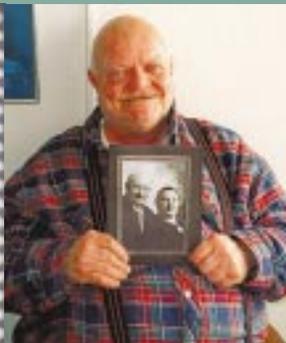
People forgotten in institutions are remembered, with dignity and respect.

**ACTIVISTS REMEMBER THE PAST AND WORK TO ENSURE THAT CRIMES AND MISTAKES ARE NOT REPEATED.**

The lives of people with disabilities are acknowledged and celebrated.

Herbert Spencer argued the concept of "survival of the fittest" through his Social Darwinism. Disability activists have put a new spin on evolution.

Not Dead Yet comprises activists, advocates, and allies who protested the actions of Jack Kevoorkian and who continue to fight against legalizing physician-assisted suicide. NDY is also a strong voice against the appointment of Peter Singer to the Bio-Ethics Department at Princeton University, the group is also working to promote adequate health care, especially around issues of pain relief and long-term care.



**INVOLVEMENT BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:** Leaders, employees, students, activists, educators, historians, artists, cultural workers.

**1988**  
"Deaf President Now" protest at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Dr. I. King Jordan, the first Deaf university president, is named.

ADAPT demonstrators take on inaccessible Greyhound buses.

**1989**  
Opening of a memorial museum for the victims of "euthanasia" and "Special Treatment" at a psychiatric hospital in Bernburg, Germany.

**1989**  
*Mouth: The Voice of Disability Rights* begins publication in Rochester, New York.

**1990**  
ADAPT "Wheels of Justice" action in Washington DC. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is signed by President Bush.

The Secretary of Transportation, Sam Skinner, finally issues regulations mandating lifts on buses. Self-Advocates Becoming Empowered is formed during meeting in Estes Park, Colorado.

**1990**  
Wheels of Justice action by ADAPT in Washington, DC.

**1990**  
The Autism National Committee is founded.