

## **Be a part of the Minnesota AAC Town Hall Meeting**

Live Zoom Meeting

(Recording will be part of the Closing The Gap 2020 Virtual Conference)

<https://www.closingthegap.com/conference/>

Where: Zoom Meeting (*please note: this session will be recorded*)

When: Thursday, August 27th from 2:00-3:00PM CST



Town Hall Facilitators: **Ahmed Ali** is a graduate from the Minneapolis Public Schools. He is pursuing his Associates degree at Minneapolis College. He is an advocate for justice for disability rights. He is also a public speaker. **Lydia Dawley** is a 2020 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a B.S. in Liberal Studies. She is the Chief Executive Officer at Click. Speak. Connect. which is a consulting agency for users of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices.

The following questions will be used to guide the discussion:

1. What is your name and where are you from?
2. What is your dream job?
3. If you had a superpower, what would it be?
4. What new feature would you create to make your device better?
5. What is the most difficult situation you've faced in society as a person who uses AAC?
6. What achievement are you proud of, even if most people would consider it silly or weird?
7. What are you most grateful for?

Tips:

1. Look over the directions, the questions, and plan what you want to say in advance.
2. The meeting lasts for one hour and everyone gets a turn to speak.
3. You don't need to answer all of the questions.
4. Feel free to have a partner attend with you if you'd like a hand with the online technology.
5. Please enter your name when prompted as you log in to Zoom (this is your virtual name tag).
6. Indicate when you are ready and you will be called on when it is your turn.
7. If you have a device, have your volume turned up.
8. Most importantly, have fun sharing your ideas and listening to other participants' comments!

The AAC Town Hall meeting will be recorded and offered as a session during the Closing The Gap 2020 Virtual Conference. Please RSVP to [Deanna.morrow@spps.org](mailto:Deanna.morrow@spps.org) by Friday, August 21st if you plan to attend the Town Hall Zoom Meeting.

### **Closing The Gap 2020 Virtual Conference – October 28 – November 11, 2020**

Closing the Gap has generously offered **free admission** to the virtual exhibit hall for Town Hall participants! Also, you may attend the full virtual conference for the discounted rate of \$295.00. For full details and to register for the virtual exhibit hall or the virtual conference visit - <https://www.closingthegap.com/conference/virtual-registration-details/>



This meeting is accessible for people with communication disabilities.