



Global Self-Advocacy Summit

Have your say on 3rd December

Summit Report

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Thank you for coming to the Global Self-Advocacy Summit



On 3rd December self-advocates from around the world came together to share our self-advocacy successes.

[Click here to watch the 8am UK session](#)

[Click here to watch the 8 pm UK time session](#)



Who was part of the Summit?

250 people joined the Summit from 40 countries.



The Summit was planned by a task team of self-advocates and was hosted by **Mia from LASA, Lebanon** and **Soufiane from Inclusion Europe, Belgium**



Celebrating our successes

Before the Summit self-advocates from around the world shared videos about their self-advocacy successes. We created a celebration video from your videos!

[Watch the celebration video here](#)



We have put the full versions of your videos together into a YouTube playlist.

[Watch the YouTube playlist by clicking here.](#)



Our speakers

All of our speakers were self-advocate leaders from the Inclusion International network.



Mark from Malawi is the Vice President of Inclusion International. Mark gave an update about Inclusion International's self-advocacy work.

[Click here for Mark's presentation](#)



Fernanda from CONFE, Mexico spoke about her work on Women's Rights.

[Click here for Fernanda's presentation](#)



Simon from Chosen Power (People First Hong Kong) spoke about their COVID-19 work

[Click here for Simon's presentation.](#)



Sir Robert Martin, from People First New Zealand, spoke about his work at the United Nations on the CRPD committee.

[Click here for Sir Robert's presentation.](#)

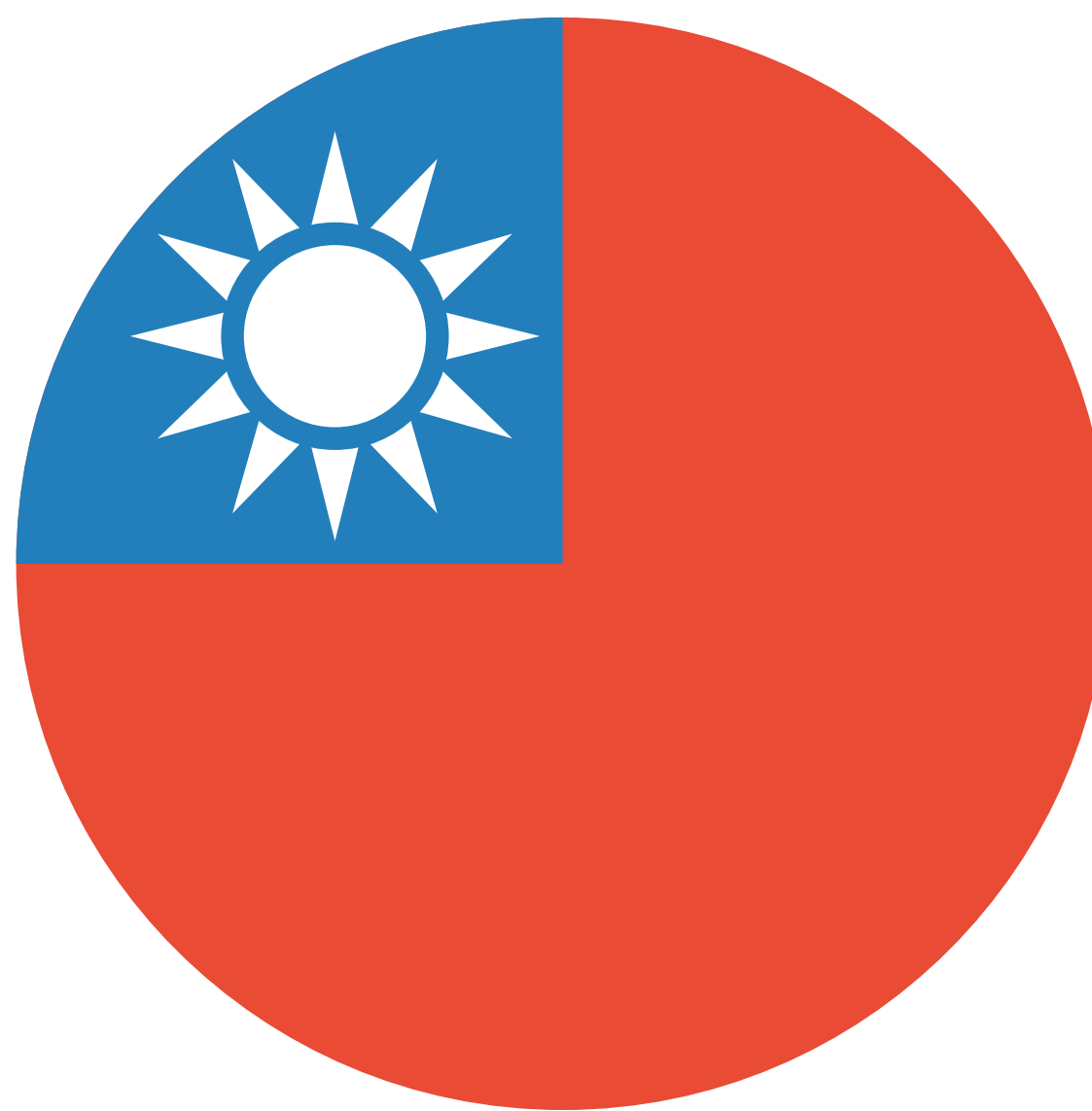


Small group discussions

We had a chance to have small group discussions and speak about ourselves and our work. Here are a few things we heard in our groups!



Max, USA – Shared that his organisation had campaigned about people with disabilities not being able to bring supporters with them during Covid 19. Rules in hospitals have now changed.



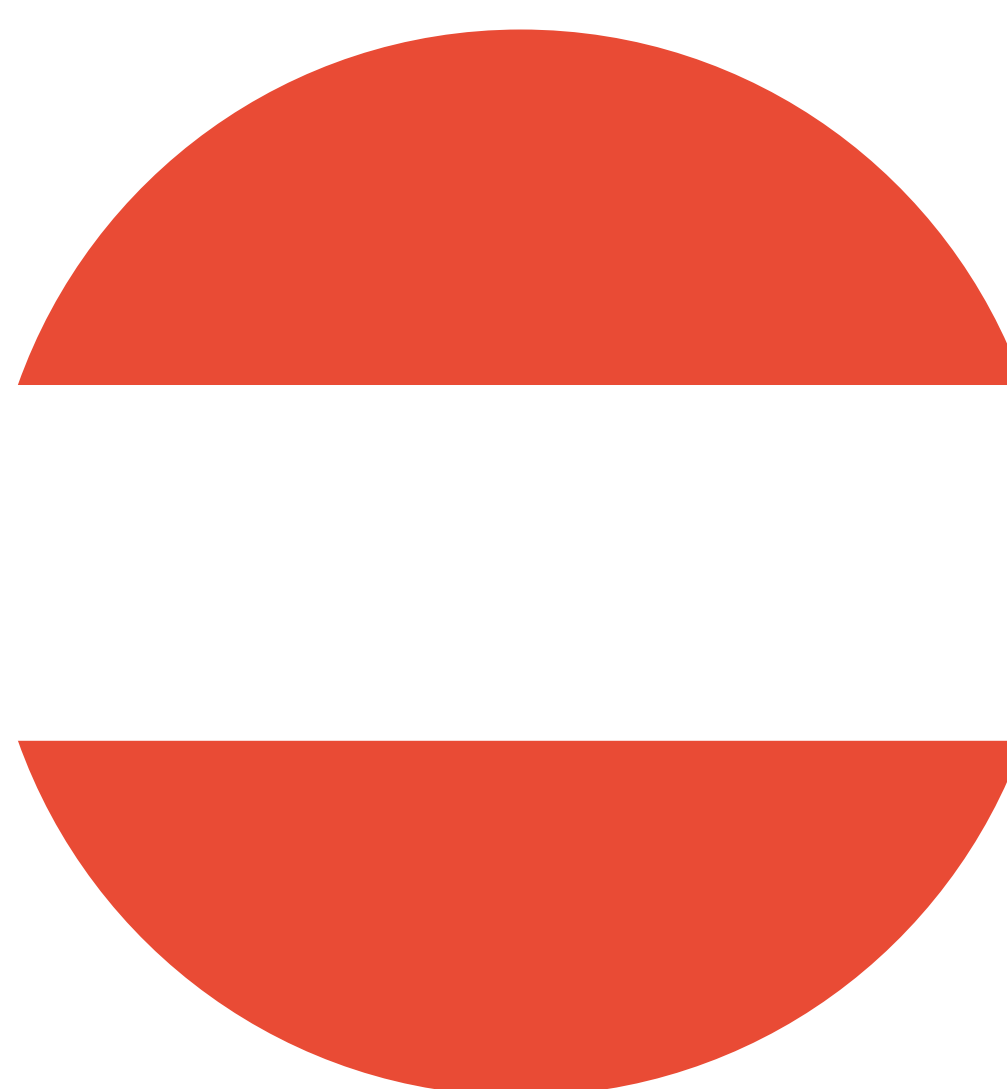
PAPID, Taiwan - A large group of self-advocates from Taiwan introduced themselves and their group's work



Mario, Mexico - Shared that his group had been simulating the election processes to learn about political participation



Alexandria Self-Advocacy Resource Centre, Egypt - Shared that their group focus their work on the CRPD and learning more about human rights



Oswald, Austria - Shared his work with the justice ministry on a new law for legal guardianship



Key messages

To help us create some key messages we shared a short poll to vote on some important issues. Here are the results!

Self-advocates said that the **Big Issues** that were shared at our 2018 Self-Advocacy Summit were still important. Especially important was having a job and being paid fairly.

[Click here to watch a video about the Big Issues from our 2018 Summit](#)

Self-advocates said that the main ways that we work on these big issues in our organisations is by **sharing important information** with other people with an intellectual disability and by **leading training**.



2020 has been a difficult year for lots of people. Self-advocates said that COVID 19 has affected our wellbeing because we could not do the things we wanted to do. In particular, we could not see our friends and families.

Self-advocates said that in 5 years' time we hope to see all people with intellectual disabilities living the lives that we choose. We want to see more people with intellectual disabilities with jobs in the community

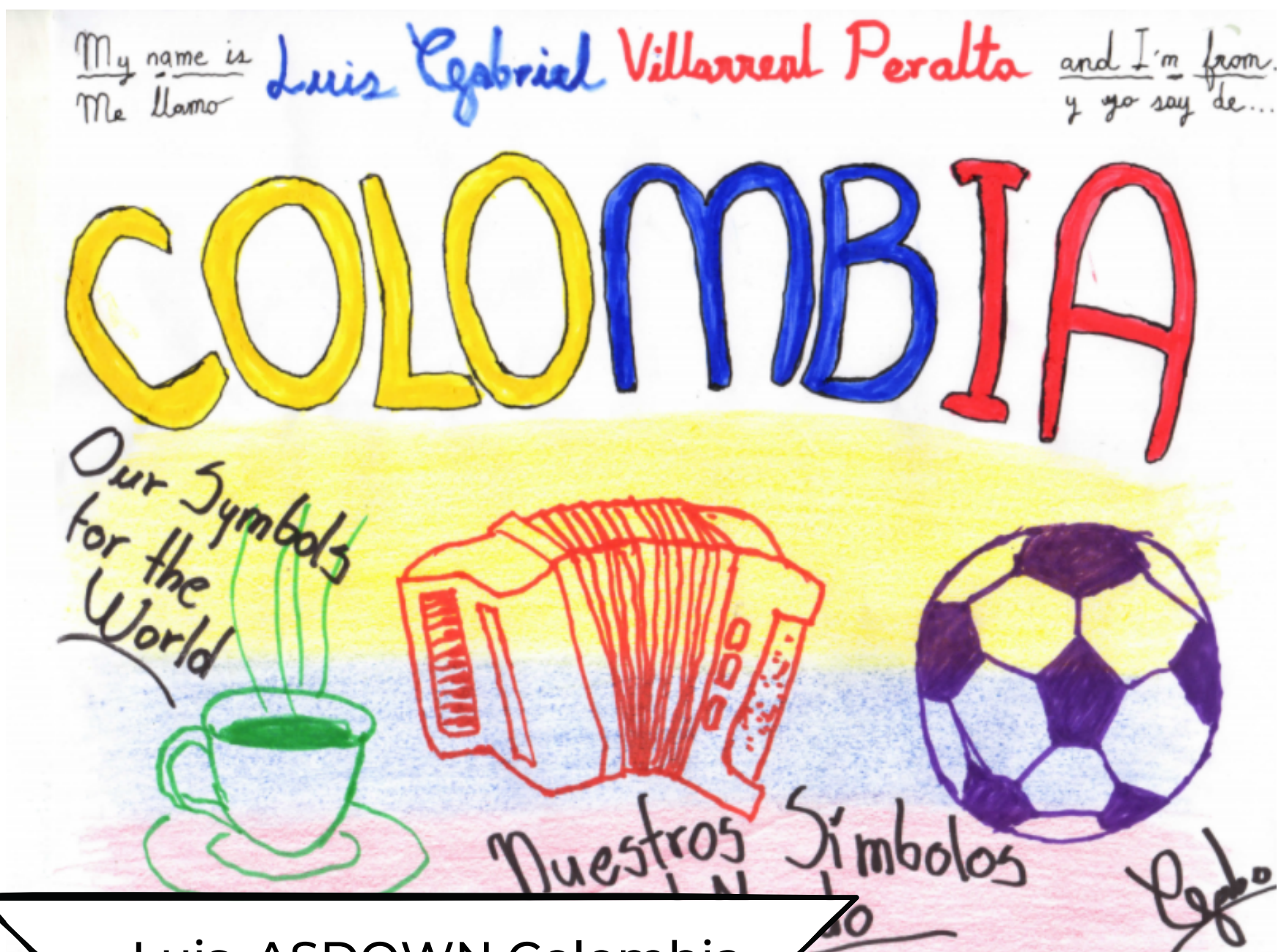
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Our posters

To close the Summit, we shared posters which represented where we are from. Here are just a few that you shared!



Luis, ASDOWN Colombia



Chosen Power, Hong Kong



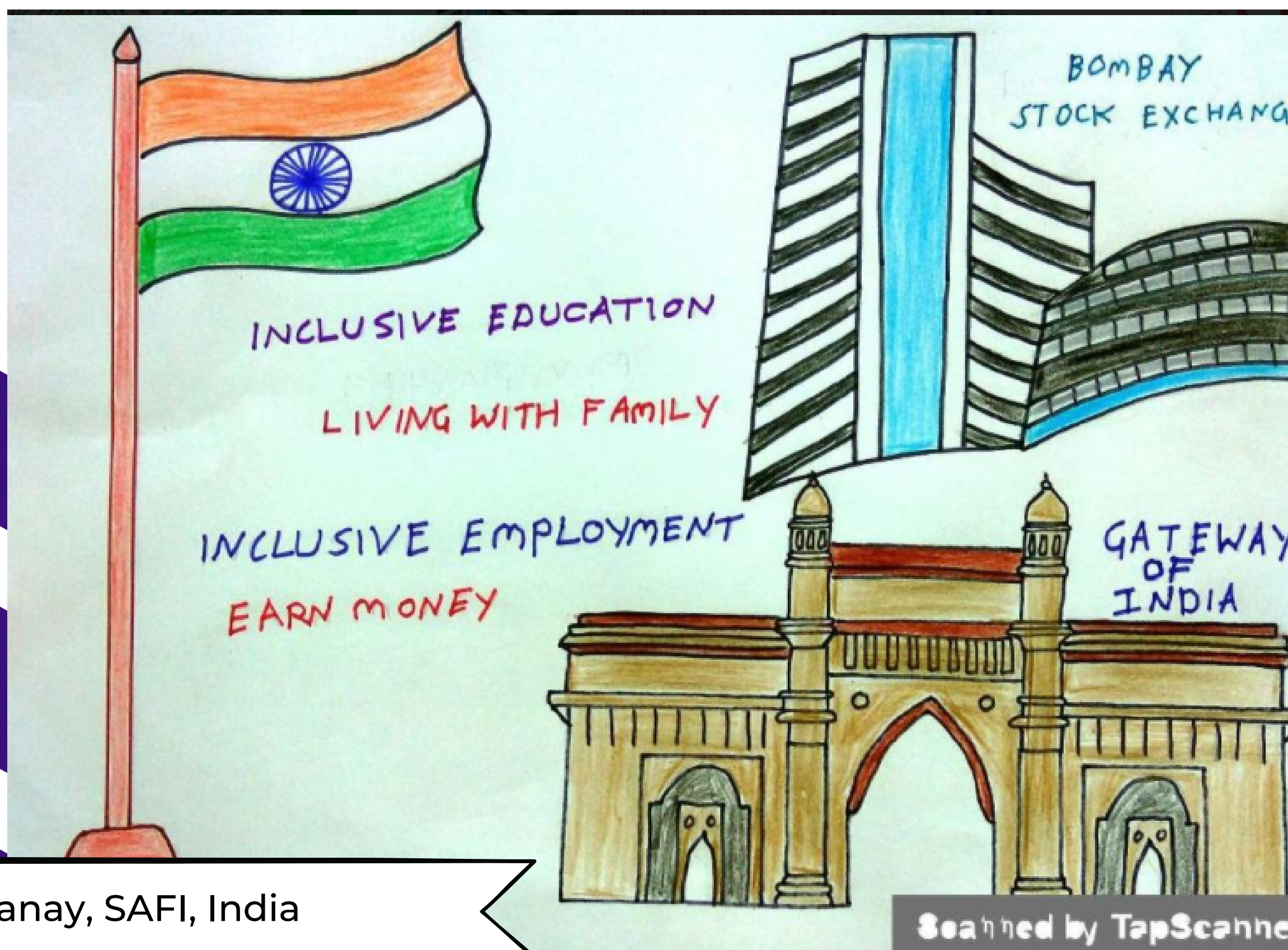
Mia from LASA, Lebanon



Claire, Australia



Jennifer, Canada



Pranay, SAFI, India



Mark, USA



What next?

We know that our voices are louder together! You said that you wanted more time and opportunities to meet, speak together and share experiences. One way we can stay in contact is through the Facebook group.



[Click here to join the Facebook group](#)

Self-advocates have also suggested holding regular 'drop-in' online Zoom meetings.



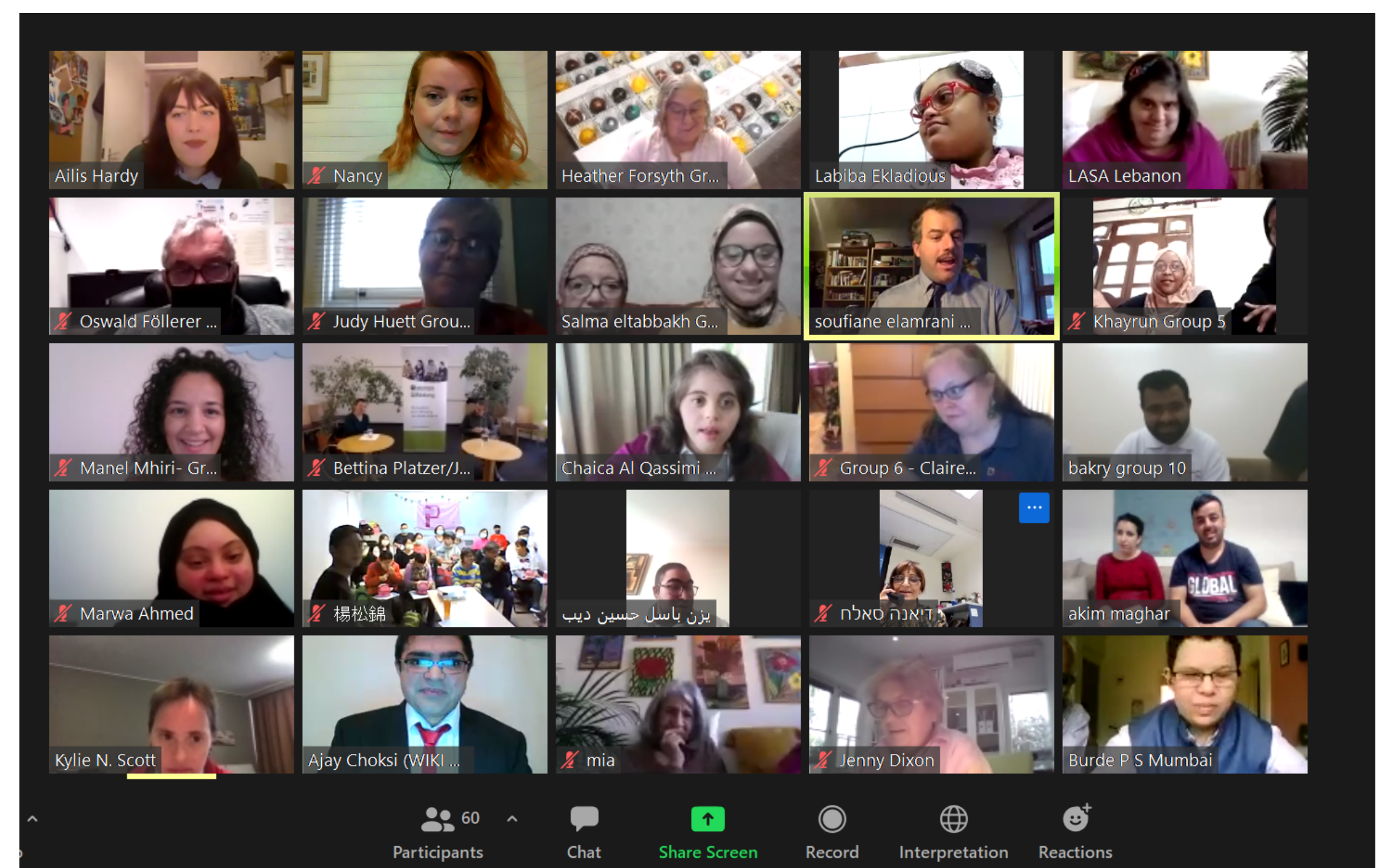
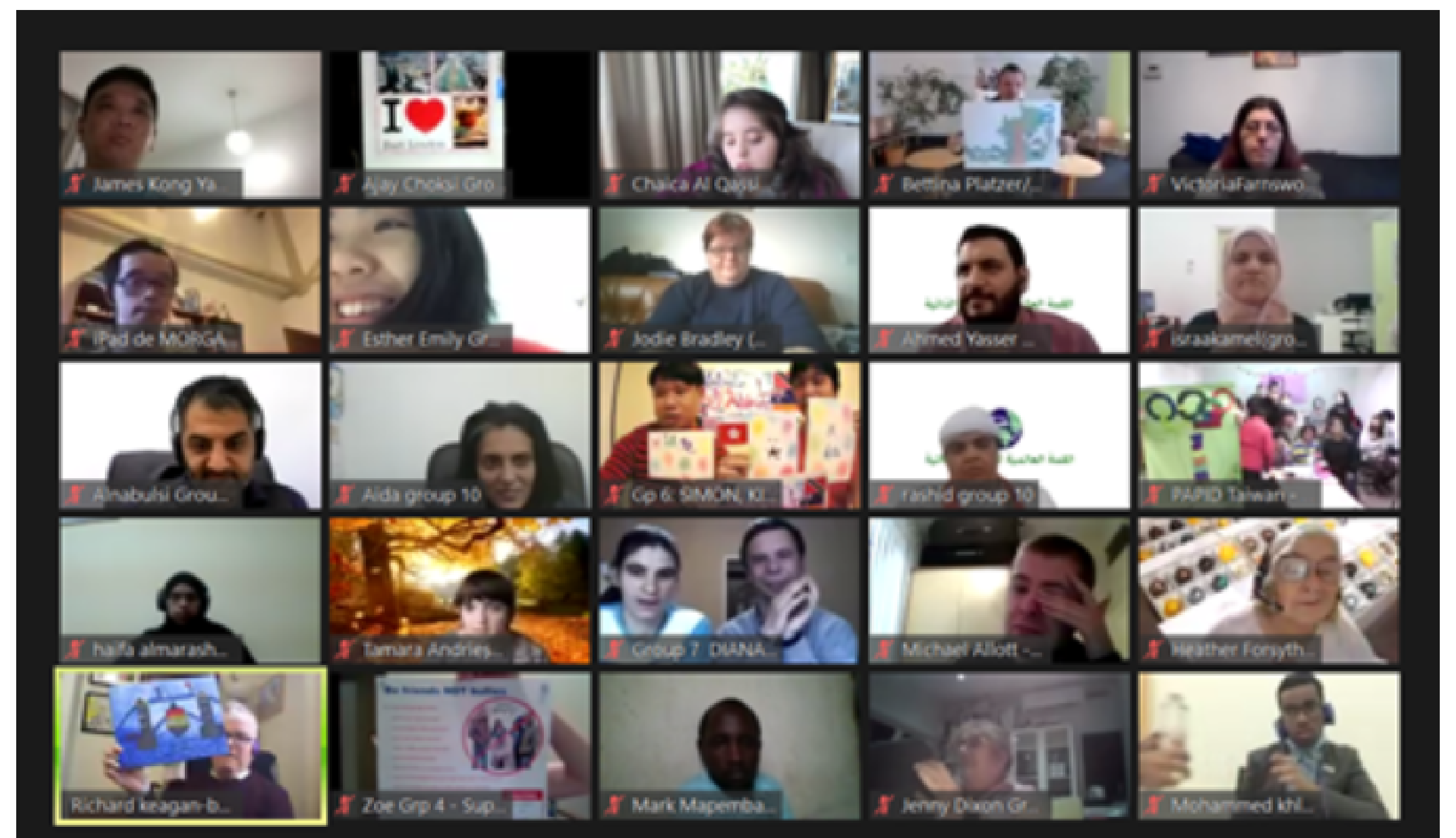
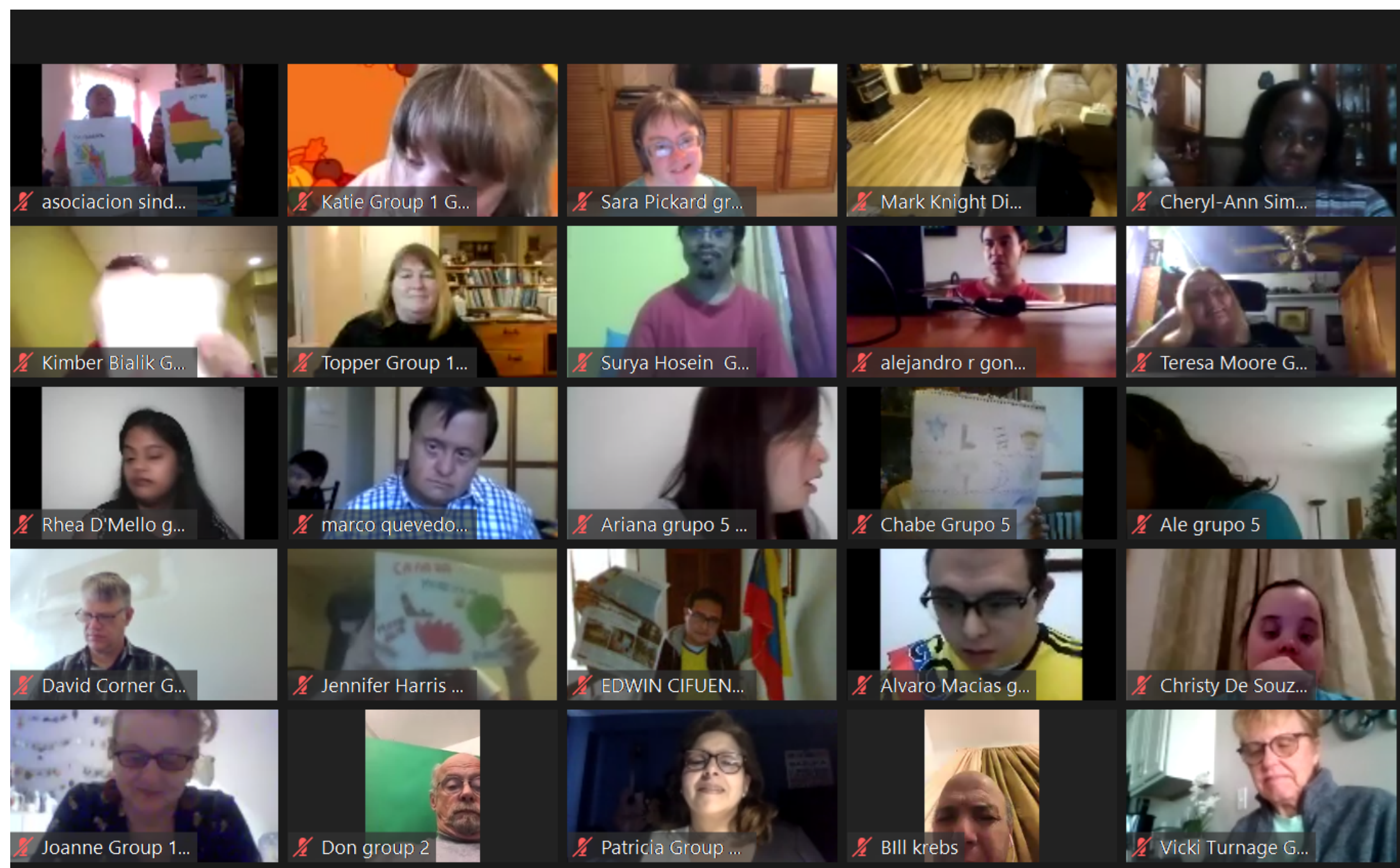
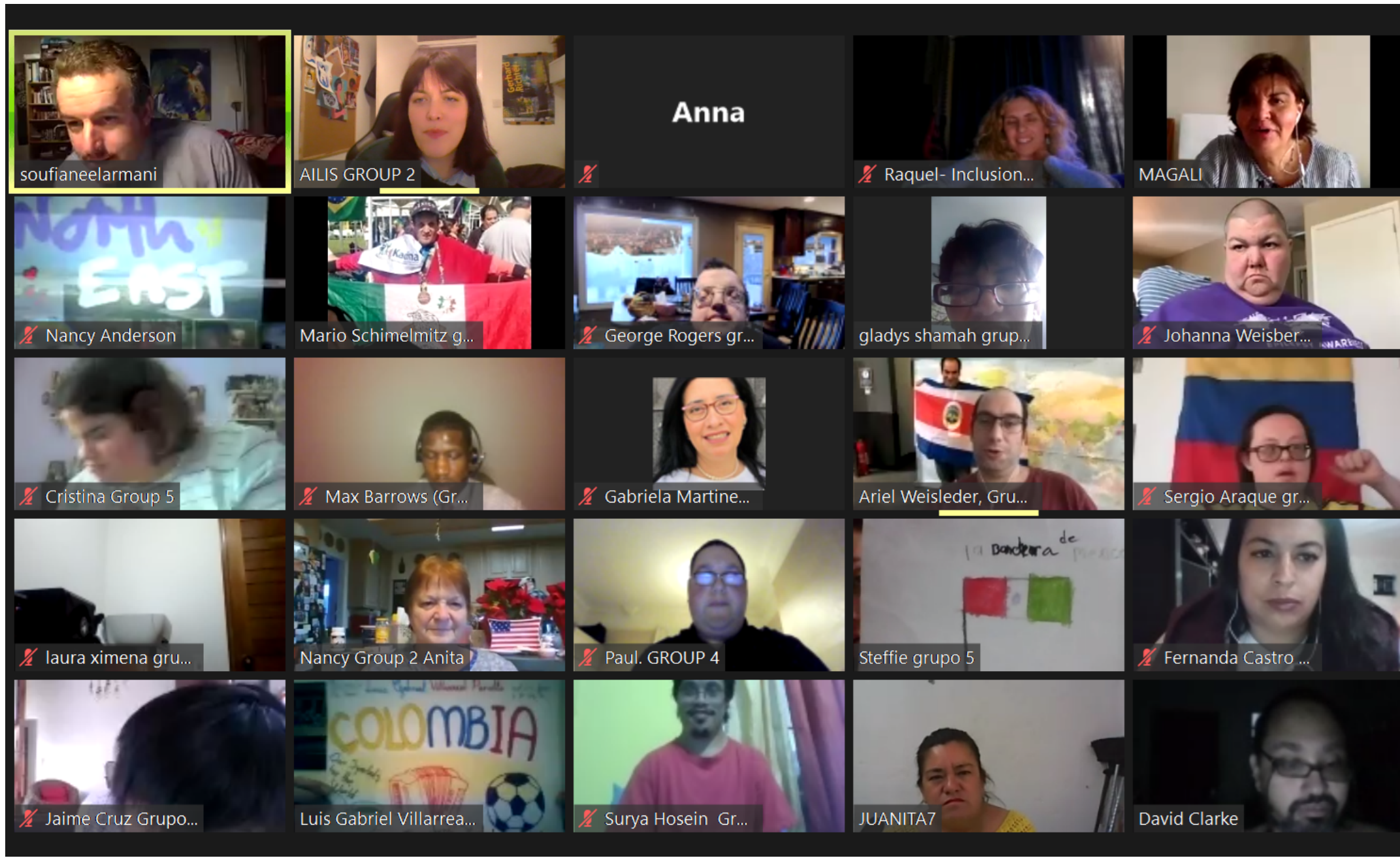
If you are interested in hearing more about keeping in contact [please fill in our Keep In Contact form.](#)

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Thank you for taking part in the Summit.



We will be in contact soon!



Other information



Here are some links to other information that might be interesting.

Click on the link and it will take you to the information.

- [Information about Inclusion International](#)
- [How to become an Inclusion International member](#)
- [Information about our self-advocacy programme Empower Us.](#)
- [Global Report on Self-advocacy.](#)
- [What is the United Nations?](#)
- [What is the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?](#)



Any questions?



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