



Celebrating Judy Heumann



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About this document



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Sunday 8 March was International Women's Day.

It is a day to celebrate all women.



We want to tell you about Judy Heumann.

About Judy Heumann



Judy Heumann was an **activist** for disability rights in America.

An **activist** is someone who takes action to make change happen.



She was born in 1947 and she died aged 75 in 2023.



Her nickname was the 'Mother of the Disability Rights Movement'.

She spoke up for disabled people and their rights.



In 1970 Judy was told she could not be a teacher because she was in a wheelchair.

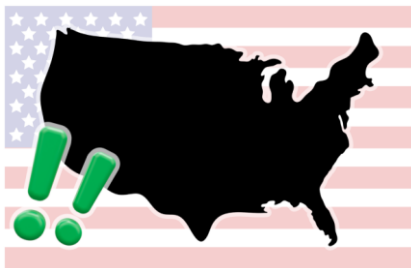
Her bosses said there could be problems if there was a fire at the school.



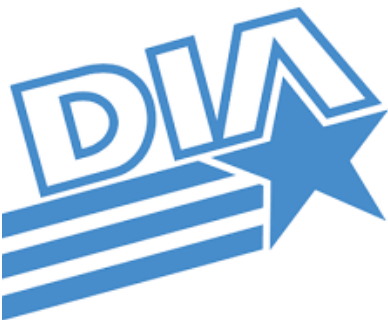
She challenged this and she won.

She was allowed to teach.

Changes



Judy Heumann made many changes happen in America.



She started an organisation called Disabled in Action.



She led **protests**.

A **protest** is when people come together to show everyone that they disagree with something. And that they want it to change.

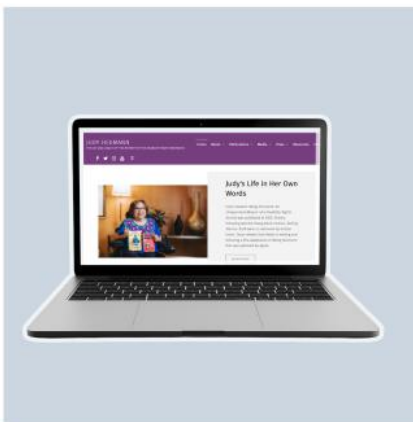


She helped get new laws passed to make life fairer and easier for disabled people in America.



Judy was an advisor for many big organisations that worked around the world.

More information



You can find out more about Judy Heumann on her website

www.judithheumann.com

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