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Your Invitation to Making LCSH & MeSH Better

Who We Are



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Inspiration for this project



June 2022 letter to NLM regarding
discriminatory MeSH terms
and a call for changes



2022–2023 NLM Listening sessions





Goals



Collaboration

Bring together
medical & generalist
library workers



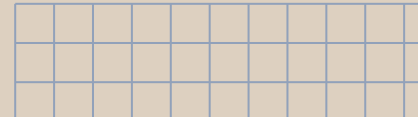
Coordination

Work with & within
both LC's LCSH/LCC
& NLM's MeSH/NLM
classification



Transparency

Create open
processes &
documentation for
classification work





**Center those
being
represented**




Where are we now?

- Learning more about LCSH and MeSH
 - Goals, structure, revision process
- Trello and email list
- Setting scope of work
- Crowdsourcing potential projects
- Spreading the word about the funnel



Where are we headed?



Disabilities terminology in general, including revising “Hearing impaired” to “Hard of hearing”



Gender-related work, including reproductive rights terminology

Group terms



Terms that address impacts to health from societal aspects, such as “trauma informed care”



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