

Hearing Loss Revolution



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What is the Hearing Loss Revolution

1. It's a revolution for people with hearing loss.
2. It's a revolution on how we feel about ourselves.
3. As a result of this revolution, we are able to advocate for ourselves as easily as we breathe.



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Who was my favorite person
for many of the years
of having a hearing loss?



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Defining Moment Happened at Work



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What are the Stereotypes of People with Hearing Loss?



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Where do these
stereotypes come from?



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Do we buy into these
stereotypes?

If so how do they affect
us?



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It's time for us to let go of
the stigma of hearing loss.

It happened with
eyeglasses.

The same can happen for
hearing loss.



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This will be good for us.

**It will also be good for
our Communication
Partners.**



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How would it be if we declared a revolution on how we view our hearing loss and clearly understood that our hearing doesn't define us in any negative way?

How would it be if we truly let go of the idea that hearing loss makes us stupid or disengaged?

How would it be if, instead of hiding our hearing aids and CIs, we proudly displayed our Gucci or Dior designer devices?

Imagine a world where the cost of hearing aids was covered by insurance making it affordable for everyone and public venues were all equipped with functioning assistive listening devices.

Hearing loss will have lost its stigma.

We can make it happen by changing our attitudes about hearing loss.

This revolution must start with us!



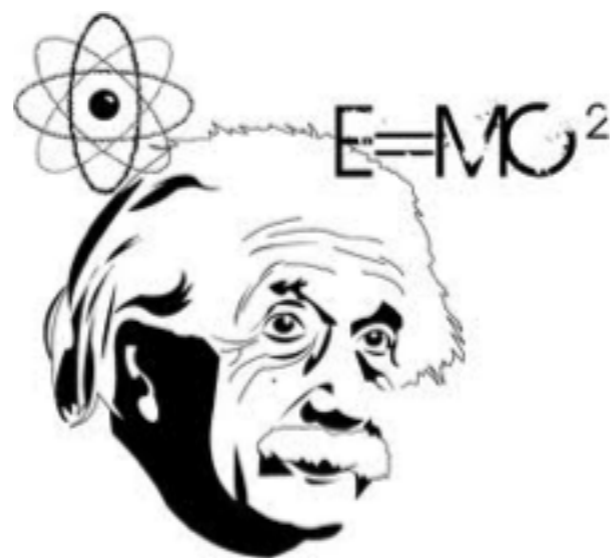
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1. Our Lives Define Us; Not Our Hearing Loss.



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2. We're Intelligent, Valued and
Engaged in Spite of our Hearing Loss.



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**3. We're Heroes of our Hearing Loss;
Not it's Victims.**



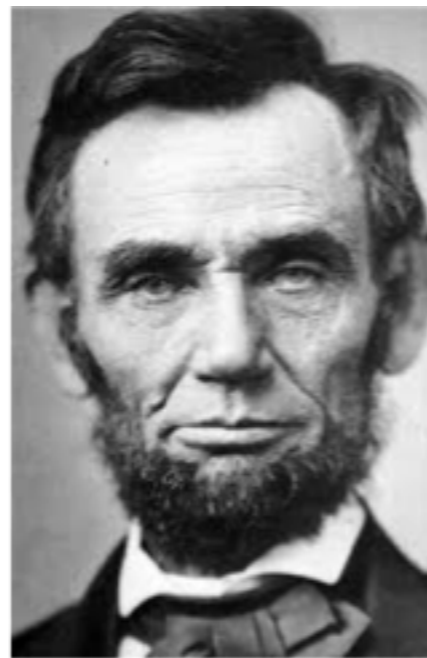
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**4. We Advise People What To Do
So We Hear Them Best.**



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5. We're honest with ourselves
and others;
We don't pretend to hear
what we don't hear.



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6. We use assistive listening technologies proudly, and advocate for installing them in public places.



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7. We see the humor when we misunderstand what people say and we are able to laugh at it.



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8. We accept with grace the hearing challenges that we cannot change.



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9. We are grateful for our courage and strength in living these Principles.



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What are your principles?

**If we believe we will get a positive response,
we will.**

**If we believe we will get a negative response,
we will.**



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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share this presentation with you.

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Coming to Terms with Our Hearing Loss

