

The Birth of a Magazine

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What does it feel like to give birth to something that no one else has ever conceived of? And what does it feel like to bring to the forefront ideas that could change disabled men and women's lives for ever? Well, I'll tell you. I think it takes a dedicated, in-tune, and highly motivated person to bring ideas to the front-line of society which no one else has had the courage to challenge.

The birth of Audacity Magazine has opened the doors, I'm sure for many. Not just for those writers, like me, who have some kind of physical disability or special needs who audaciously want to make this not only a better place for others, but also wants to bring a cutting-edge approach to those issues at hand, that affect so many of us; which are so easily swept under the carpet. But, also, has brought food for thought for 6 years now to all of its readers and subscribers.

This magazine has brought to its readers a cheeky, daring, and fearless way of approaching the truth from a different perspective and point of view. Its angle has come from the disability community. Its thoughts! Its words! And, all its power! Focusing, directly, on the issues of the day-

I'm sure; the birth of this magazine took to heart all the issues and fragile topics of its disabled population. I'm sure, that when the first issue appeared online; it was a very happy, joyous, momentous, occasion. I'm sure it brought an inward satisfaction to Natasha, the founder of Audacity. To see something materialize, from nothing; and to be shaped, formed, and molded from scratch, that truly, must have been gratifying, indeed. And, to be so focused, so dedicated, and so committed to nurture, and develop, story after story, month after month, year, after year, took much planning, much pride, and much perseverance.

To have the ability to not only write, and to educate, but to shape and influence other people's thoughts and views is highly commendable. It takes a person with great vision to broaden one's opinion and scope- it takes an idea, an act, and a concept to bring such a dream to pass.

It took a creative energy, to bring about the birth of this magazine. Thus, let's light Audacity's birthday cake with 7 brightly lit candles, to light its way for its fruitful year ahead.